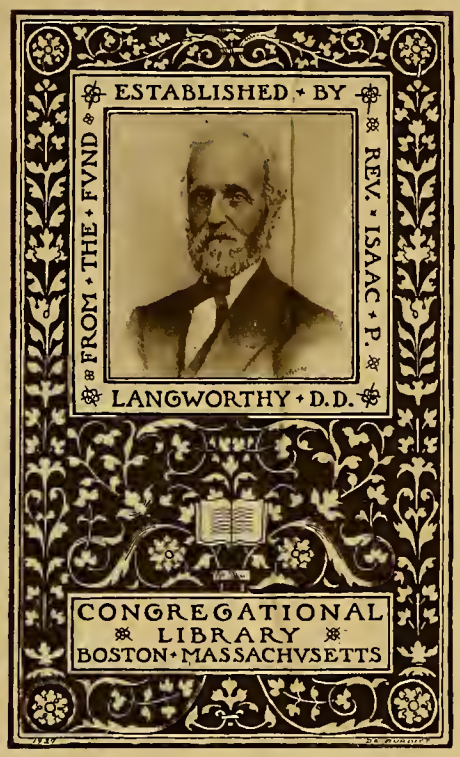
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Hanson, Mass. August 31, 1749

Rev. Gad Hitchcock of Springfield graduated at Harvard in 1743 and was ordained in 1748 (1749?).* He continued here till he died, August 11, 1803, aged 83 years. He received the degree of D.D. from Harvard. He published five sermons. He was sociable, friendly and hospitable. He was esteemed as a man of talents. He married Miss Sage Bailey of Hanover.

Rev. George Barstow of Duxbury graduated at Brown in 1801 and was ordained January 26, 1803 as colleague of Dr. Hitchcock. He died February 11, 1821, aged 51 years.

Hardwick, Mass. Nov. 17, 1736

Rev. David White was born in Hatfield, graduated at Yale in 1730, and was ordained the day the church was organized. His salary was

* In a note afterwards crossed out, the author states his opinion that 1749 is the correct date of Mr. Hitchcock's ordination, soon after the organization of the church.

less than $200. a year and yet, with the produce of a small farm, he lived well and educated his two sons at college. He married Susanna Wells of Deerfield and had four children. His daughter Sarah was the wife of Rev. Lemuel Hedge of Warwick and mother of Prof. Levi Hedge of Harvard University.

There were some New Lights in this church, as in most of the churches in those days, who in consequence of their separation from the church were called Separates. They formed the nucleus of a Baptist church.

Mr. White's talents were respectable, but by no means splendid. His success in the ministry depended more on his goodness than his greatness. He died Jan'y 6, 1784, aged 74.

Rev. Thomas Holt of Meriden, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1784 and was ordained June 25, 1789. His salary was $300. He married Sarah, daughter of Rev. E. Chaplin of Sutton, by whom he had seven children. He resigned his charge March 27, 1805 on account of his inadequate sup-

port. From 1809 to 1813 he was settled in Essex. After that he labored as a missionary in new settlements, and particularly in Maine. His family resided in Hardwick, where he died February 21, 1836, aged 73 years. He was a good man but not a very interesting preacher.

Rev. William B. Wesson of Hopkinton spent his youth in Athol and graduated at Williams College in 1802. He was ordained October 30, 1805 and was dismissed June 30, 1824 at his own request, but that request was made necessary by his intemperate habits. He lived before the doctrine of total abstinence was publicly preached. He had a very good voice; there was a loftiness and nobleness in his manner in the pulpit that did not fail to secure attention. After he was dismissed he seemed to throw off restraint. He died May 9, 1836, aged 59 years. He married Azubah M. Graves of Athol, by whom he had four children.

After his dismission the society were in favor of employing a Unitarian minister, on

account of which the orthodox portion of the church withdrew and built a new house.

Rev. Martyn Tupper 1828-35

Rev. Edward J. Fuller 1835-37

Rev. William Eaton of Framingham graduated at Williams College in 1810, at Andover in 1813, was ordained at Fitchburg August 30, 1815 and dismissed June 4, 1823. He was installed at Middleborough March 10, 1824 and dismissed April 10, 1834, in consequence of difficulties between him and a portion of the church. He was two years pastor of the church in Charlotte, Vt., was installed over this church Sept. 6, 1837 and dismissed in 1840. He removed to West Brookfield, where he died April 15, 1840, aged 56 years. His sermons are said to have been elaborate and his manner earnest.

Hardwick, Vt. July 29, 1803

Rev. Nathaniel Rawson of Milford, Mass. was not a graduate of any college. He was ordained February 13, 1811 and dismissed May 13, 1817. After this he preached as stated supply

(Interpolation)

Hardwick Church Record

Rev. Wm. Eaton. "March 26th. 1840. The Chh. met according to notice given the previous Sabbath. The meeting was opened with prayer. Proceeded to choose a moderator pro tem. The Rev. Wm. Eaton communicated to the Chh. a wish to have the pastoral relation existing between him and the Chh. dissolved on account of his health being insufficient for the performance of pastoral labors. Also that the Chh. would unite with him in calling a Mutual Council for the purpose above specified at any time when it should best accommodate the Church.

"Church voted to comply with his request, but did not fix any time to call the Council."

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Cambridge
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in several places. He married (1) Betsey Fitch; and (2) Sarah Piper. He had six children. After leaving Vermont he preached at Hampton, Ct. He was born Feb'y 26, 1780.

Rev. Jacob N. Loomis, born in Lanesboro, Mass. October 8, 1790, but removed with his parents to Charlotte, Vt. He graduated at Middlebury in 1817 and at Andover in 1820. He was ordained pastor of this church January 3, 1822; resigned on account of ill health in January, 1830. He preached as stated (supply) two years in Plainfield, N.H., two at Greensboro, Vt. He retired from the active duties of the ministry in 1836 and lived upon a farm in Craftsbury, where he died December 5, 1864, aged 74 years. He married Deborah Worcester of Hollis, N.H.

Rev. Robert Page 1833-35

Rev. Chester Wright of Hanover, N.H. graduated at Middlebury in 1805, studied theology with Dr. Burton and President Dwight, and was pastor of the church in Montpelier

from 1809 to 1830, during which time the church increased from 17 to 400 members. He was installed pastor of this church June 15, 1837 and died in office April 16, 1840, aged 64 years. He was a very useful and highly respected minister. He published several sermons and showed his interest in primary education by publishing an arithmetic.

Rev. Austin O. Hubbard of Sunderland, Mass. graduated at Yale in 1824. He studied theology under the direction of the Presbytery of Baltimore, was a preacher and teacher. He was a student at Princeton in 1831 and 2, and one year assistant teacher of Biblical Literature in that seminary. He was then a missionary in Canada and was installed here in 1841. He resigned in 1844, was at Barnet from 1845 to 1850; after which he was variously employed as Superintendent of Schools and stated supply as his health permitted. He was author of an English Grammar and a treatise on the Sabbath. He

married (1) Mary Graydon of Harrisburgh, Pa., and (2) Julia A. Hayes, daughter of Rev. Joel Hayes of South Hadley, Mass. After the death of his second wife, his health being poor, he became greatly depressed, was unable to divert his mind from his lonely condition, and died at Brattleborough, Vt. in October, 1858, aged 58 years.

Harpswell, Maine, 1753

It was set off from North Yarmouth and was given by the State of Massachusetts to Harvard College. It was early settled and the people had preaching some years prior to the organization of the church.

Rev. Elisha Eaton 1753-64 (See Randolph)

Rev. Samuel Eaton, son of Rev. Elisha Eaton, was born in Randolph, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1763, and was ordained October 24, 1764. He continued there till he died, November 5, 1822, aged 86 years. He preached two Sabbaths in October, the

month preceding his death. He was a good man, full of energy and pathos, sound in doctrine, and preached between six and seven thousand sermons. He was one of the original trustees of Bowdoin College and was instrumental in securing its location at Brunswick. He had a brilliant imagination and was an interesting preacher.

Harrison, Maine. Feb'y 15, 1826

Rev. James P. Richardson 1833-37

Rev. Joseph Searl of Rowley, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1815, studied theology with Dr. Parish, and was pastor of the church in Lynnfield, Mass. from Jan'y 21, 1824 to July 19, 1827; at Stoneham, Mass. from 1828 to 1832, and at Westbrook, Me. from 1833 to 1837. He then became pastor of the united churches of Harrison and North Bridgton, at the former of which he died December 3, 1841, aged 52 years.

Rev. Cyril Pearl 1843-46

Hartford, Ct. October 11, 1633

This church was organized at Newtown*

* The author refers to Newton, Mass.

now Cambridge, Mass. In 1634 they complained to the General Court that they were straitened for want of room and asked permission to remove. Their request was not granted till the next year. In May, 1636 about one hundred men, women and children commenced the journey through the wilderness and arrived at Hartford in two weeks.

Rev. Thomas Hooker of Markfield, Leicestershire, England, graduated at Cambridge University in 1607; was for some time a teacher. He was settled at Chelmsford and was a very popular preacher. He was regarded by his hearers as a teacher sent from God. A profane man on a certain occasion said to his companions he was going "to hear what that bawling Hooker would say." He went and was converted. He was not a graceful orator, but one who preached as if he believed what he said. In 1630 he was silenced by the spiritual court for his nonconformity. He went to Amsterdam, preached a while, returned to England and, being persecuted by the

ruling power, he sailed for Boston and arrived September 4, 1633. He was ordained pastor of the church at the time of its organization. He was a man of great influence in the Connecticut Colony. Little was done without his approbation and whatever he recommended was adopted almost as a matter of course. He published 22 sermons and books; among these were his Survey of the Sum of Church Discipline, The Application of Redemption, and The Doubting Christian Drawn to Christ. He died at Hartford of an epidemic that prevailed extensively, July 7, 1647, aged 61 years. He had six children; John, his eldest son, was a minister in England and his youngest son, Samuel, was minister of Farmington. Joanna was the wife of Rev. Thomas Shepard of Cambridge, Mass.; Mary the wife of Rev. Roger Newton of Farmington, and Sarah married Rev. John Wilson of Medfield, Mass.

Rev. Samuel Stone of Hartford, England, graduated at Cambridge University in 1623 and was ordained teacher at the same time that Mr.

Hooker was ordained pastor. He was pleasant in conversation, of ready wit, powerful in argument and (a) smart disputant. His sermons were one hour long. After Mr. Hooker's death an unhappy difference arose between him and his ruling elder, which disturbed the peace not only of the church in Hartford, but most of the churches in the state. Councils were called, but were unable to heal the breach. Finally portions of the divided churches withdrew and settled in other places, forming new churches.

Mr. Stone died July 20, 1663, aged 61 years. He had a son, Samuel, who was licensed to preach and supplied the pulpit in Simsbury some time, but was never settled. He was killed by falling from a bridge.

Rev. John Whiting, son of William Whiting of Cambridge, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1653 and is said to have preached a while in Salem, Mass. He was ordained pastor of this church in 1660 and was the advocate of the independency of the church,

while his colleague, Mr. Haynes, leaned towards Presbyterianism. In 1669 Mr. Whiting and a part of the church seceded and formed the South Church, of which he was pastor till he died, in November, 1689, aged 54. He was twice married, (1) to Sibyl Collins of Cambridge, Mass., by whom he had seven children; and (2) to Phoebe Gregson, by whom he also had seven children. One of his sons, Samuel, was minister of Windham.

Rev. Joseph Haynes, son of the Governor, graduated at Harvard in 1658. He was ordained in 1664 and continued in office till he died, May 14, 1679, aged 38 years. He married Sarah Lord, who died in 1705. They had four children, one of which survived the mother. Sarah married Rev. James Pierpont of New Haven. John was a judge and left a large estate.

Rev. Isaac Foster of Charlestown, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1671 and was ordained in 1679. He died August 20, 1682,

or, according to another author, in January, 1683, aged 30 years. He married the widow of Daniel Russel of Charlestown, Mass.,- she was Mehitabel Wyllys of Hartford-, and left one daughter, Ann, who married Rev. Thomas Buckingham of Hartford.

Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, son of Rev. John Woodbridge of Andover, graduated at Harvard in 1675 and was ordained November 18, 1685. He was thrice married; (1) to the widow of his predecessor; (2) probably Mrs. Howell; and (3) Widow Abigail Lord, who died in 1753. He died April 30, 1732, aged 79 years.

Rev. Daniel Wadsworth of Farmington, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1726 and was ordained September 28, 1732. He continued in office till he died, November 12, 1747, aged 43 years. He was a close student, an accurate reasoner and an evangelical preacher.

Rev. Edward Dorr of Lyme graduated at Yale in 1742, and was ordained April 27, 1748. He continued in office till he died, October 20, 1772, aged 50 years. He was a

pleasant and amiable man. He preached the Election sermon in 1765, which was printed.

Rev. Nathan Strong, son of Rev. Nathan Strong of Coventry, graduated at Yale in 1769, commenced the study of law, but soon changed his purpose, studied theology and was ordained January 5, 1774. His father preached the sermon. He had an uncommonly strong sense of the ludicrous, which made him too often facetious and even jooose. In the pulpit he was uniformly serious and never gave way to this easily besetting sin. He married (1) a daughter of Rev. Solomon Smith of Hartford, by whom he had two children, Nathan, a physician, and Anna, who married Rev. David Perry of Sharon; (2) Anna McCurdy of Lyme. He was a man of talent and received the degree of D.D. from Nassau Hall in 1801. He published a volume of sermons and in 1796 an elaborate work entitled "The Doctrine of Eternal Misery reconcilable with the Benevolence of God." He also published about twenty single sermons. He was a man of great influence and usefulness. He died December

25, 1816, aged 69 years.

Hartford, Ct. South Church Feb'y 12, 1669

This was composed of disaffected persons who leftthe First Church on account of difficulties in regard to church membership.

Rev. John Whiting, 1669-89-See First Ch.

Rev. Thomas Buckingham of Milford graduated at Harvard in 1690 and was ordained soon after. He continued in office till he died, Nov. 19, 1731, aged 62 years. He married Ann, daughter of Rev. Isaac Foster of Hartford and had one son, Joseph.

Rev. Elnathan Whitman, son of Rev. Samuel Whitman of Farmington, graduated at Yale in 1726 and was a Tutor and Fellow of the college. He was ordained in 1732 and continued in office till he died, March 4, 1777, aged 68 years.

Rev. William Patten of Billerica, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1754, was pastor of the church in Halifax, Mass. from 1758 to 1768, was pastor of this church

from 1767 to 1773 when, having lost his voice, he removed to Roxbury (Mass.), where he died January 16, 1775, aged 36 years. He married a daughter of President Wheelock and had six children. His son William was minister of Newport, R.I.

Rev. Benjamin Boardman of Middletown graduated at Yale in 1758 and was pastor of the church in Middle Haddam from 1762 to Jan'y 1783. He was installed pastor of this church May 5, 1784, dismissed in 1789 and died Feb'y 12, 1802, aged 70 years. He was a man of talent, but rash and imprudent.

Rev. Abel Flint of Windham graduated at Yale in 1785 and was tutor in Brown University five years. He was ordained pastor of this church April 20, 1791. He received the degree of D.D. from Union in 1818. In 1822 he was injured by a fall from a wagon, which impaired his health and intellect. He resigned in 1824 and died March 7, 1825, aged 60 years. He published eight or nine sermons. He married Amelia Bissell of East Windsor, by whom he had four children. He

was a man of talent and influence.

Rev. Cornelius C. Vanarsdalen graduated at Rutger's College in 1828 and was pastor of this church from December, 1832 to March, 1836. He preached at Collinsville two years as stated supply. He died in 1856.

Hartford, Ct., North Church Sept. 23, 1824

Rev. Carlos Wilcox of Newport, N.H. graduated at Middlebury in 1813 and at Andover in 1817. He preached in various places as his health would permit and was ordained pastor of this church December 1, 1824. He resigned in May, 1826 on account of ill health, was able to preach occasionally after that, but not statedly. He died at East Hartford May 28, 1827, aged 33 years. He was a fine scholar, a man of refined taste and of earnest piety. He published the first book of a poem entitled "The Age of Benevolence". In 1828 his Memoirs and Remains were published.

Hartford, Ct. Fourth Church Jan'y 10, 1832.

This was called a Free church for sev-

eral years.

Rev. William C. Walton of Hanover County, Virginia was educated at Hampden Sydney College, where he graduated about 1816. He was ordained pastor of the church in Hopewell, Va. May 6, 1818. He continued there but a short time on account of ill health. He subsequently preached at Baltimore and Washington City. November 16, 1825 he was installed at Charlestown, Va.* and, receiving a call from the church in Alexandria, Va., he was installed in July, 1827. In 1832 he received a call from this church, became its pastor in October of that year. He died of hemorrhage of the lungs, with which he had been afflicted at times for many years, Feb'y 18, 1834, aged 41 years. He was a man of eminent piety and an earnest preacher. He married Miss Lucinda Muse of Virginia, by whom he had several children.

Rev. Charles Fitch 1834-37 (See Warren)

Hartford, Ct. Fifth Church (Colored) Aug. 28, 1833

* Probably the Charlestown now in West Virginia.

Hartford, Ct. Pearl St. Church Oct. 15, 1852

Hartford, Ct. Market St. Church January 11, 1854
(Extinct)

Hartford, Vermont, January 23, 1771

It was called North Hartford or Dothan Church, and was a part of the church at Dartmouth College until 1809. Meetings were held for many years, part of the time in the college chapel and part of the time in the Hartford meeting house. For the names of pastors prior to 1809 see Dartmouth College, in Hanover.

Rev. Eden Burroughs 1809-13 (See Hanover)

Rev. Abraham Brown graduated at Dartmouth in 1823 and was ordained pastor of this church September 27, 1826. He was dismissed September 28, 1829 and installed at Oxford, Ct. in June, 1830. He was again dismissed in August, 1838 and died October 15 at Elizabeth Port, N.J., aged about 40 years.

Rev. Austin Hazen 1830-37(See Berlin)

Rev. Carey Russell of Chester, N.H. was not a graduate of any college. He was fitted for college at the age of 19, but his health being(poor)he settled down upon a farm in Newport and in 1827 married Roxanna Howard of Hillsborough. His piety and talents attracted the attention of good men who persuaded him to study theology and become a preacher. He studied with Rev. John Woods and was ordained pastor of this church in 1837. He was dismissed in 1844 and preached as stated supply in Worcester seven years. In 1853 he removed to Bradford, N.H. and afterwards preached a year in Littleton. He purchased a quiet home in Norwich, to which he retired in feeble health with disease of the heart and lungs, but was attacked August 16, 1864 with neuralgic colic and died the next day, aged 62 years. He was a good man and a successful minister.

When he was dismissed the church dis-

banded and its members were recommended to other churches. It was Presbyterian till 1838.

Hartford, Vt. Second or Center Church, 1786

Rev. Thomas Gross graduated at Dartmouth in 1784 and was ordained June 7, 1786. He was dismissed in February 1808 and soon after deposed from the ministry.

Rev. Austin Hazen 1812-29 (See Berlin)

In 1830 this church united with that at White River.

Hartford, Vt. Third Church, White River, 1812.

This church had no pastor for thirty years after its organization. Prof. C. B. Haddock of Dartmouth College preached as stated supply for many years.

Rev. John K. Lord, son of President Lord, graduated at Dartmouth in 1836, at Andover in 1841, and was ordained pastor of this church November 3, 1841. He was dismissed July 16, 1847, having been called to a church

in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he died of cholera, July 13, 1849, aged 30 years. He was a young man of fine talents. A volume of his sermons, with a memoir by his father, was published in 1850.

Hartford, Vt. West Church, May, 1830

Hartford, Vt. Queechy Village, Jan'y 13, 1831

This church has been constantly supplied with preaching, but has had but one pastor,

Rev. Luke Wood, 1835-37 (See Ashford)

Hartland, Ct. (East) May 1, 1768.

Rev. Starlin Graves graduated at Yale in 1765, studied theology with Rev. Joseph Strong of Simsbury, who preached his ordination sermon June 29, 1768. His ministry was short. He died in 1772, being less than 30 years old.

Rev. Aaron Church of Springfield, Mass. graduated at Yale in 1765 and was ordained October 20, 1773. He was dismissed

in 1814, but remained in the place till he died of paralysis in April, 1823, aged 77 years. He was Arminian in doctrine and an uninteresting preacher.

Hartland, Ct. West Church, May 4, 1780

Rev. Nathaniel Gaylord graduated at Yale in 1774 and was ordained in Jan'y, 1782. He continued in office till he died, May 8, 1841, aged 90 years. He was sound in doctrine and in practice incorrupt. His end was peace. His son, Flavel S. Gaylord, was pastor of a church in Naples, N.Y. and died in 1860.

Rev. Adolphus Ferry of Granby, Mass. graduated at Williams College in 1821, was ordained in 1827 and died of fever in 1832, aged 32 years. He left a wife (who was Orpha Benham) and two children. He was a man of sincere piety and much esteemed by the people.

Rev. John A. Hempsted 1833-35(See Washington)

Rev. Luke Wood 1838-42 (See Ashford)

Hartland, Vt. Sept. 6, 1779

The town was then called Hartford.

Rev. Daniel Breck 1789-95 (See Topsfield)

Rev. Samuel Cheever

Harvard, Mass. October 10, 1733.

Rev. John Seccomb of Medford graduated at Harvard in 1728 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He was dismissed September 7, 1757, went to Nova Scotia and preached in the town of Chester, where he died in 1792, aged 84 years. He was Calvinistic in doctrine and pungent in his preaching. While in Harvard there was a revival of religion, which continued three years and resulted in the conversion of about 100 persons. He continued to preach till near the close of his life.

Rev. Joseph Wheeler of Concord graduated at Harvard in 1757 and was ordained December 12, 1759. A few years after his settlement he was afflicted with bodily infirmities which peculiarly affected his voice.

He was dismissed at his own request July 28, 1768. He afterward represented the town in the General Court, was Register of Probate for the County of Worcester for many years. He died February 10, 1793, aged 58 years.

Rev. Daniel Johnson of Bridgewater graduated at Harvard in 1767 and was ordained November 2, 1769. In 1776 he was chaplain in the American army in the vicinity of Boston. He was distinguished for his abilities and was an eloquent extemporaneous preacher. He died September 23, 1777, in the 30th. year of his age.

Rev. Ebenezer Grosvenor 1782-88 (See Scituate)

Rev. William Emerson, son of Rev. William Emerson of Concord, graduated at Harvard in 1789 and was ordained May 20, 1792. He was dismissed Sept. 10, 1799 and was installed pastor of the First Church in Boston the 16th. of the next month. He was not a Calvinist; his talents were rather brilliant than solid; he was a tasteful writer and an inter-

esting speaker. He published 12 sermons and lectures, a collection of psalms and hymns, a history of First Church in Boston, and was editor of the Monthly Anthology. He died May 11, 1811, aged 42 years.

Rev. Stephen Bemis of Westminster graduated at Dartmouth in 1798, studied theology with Dr. Lathrop of West Springfield, and was ordained June 3, 1801. He was dismissed June 3, 1813 at his own request. He continued here till he died, Nov. 11, 1828, aged 54 years. He married (1) Sophronia, daughter of Phineas Chapin of Springfield, and had two children; (2) Susan, daughter of Rev. Dr. Chaplin of Groton, and had two children; and (3) Rejoice (Wetherby) Olds.

Rev. Warren Fay of Northborough graduated at Harvard in 1807 and was ordained pastor of the church in Brimfield August 17, 1808. He resigned June 26, 1811 and was installed over this church Jan'y 26, 1814 and dismissed Jan'y 5, 1820. He was installed over the First Church in Charlestown

February 23, 1820. He was deposed in 1839 and removed to his native place, where he died March 2, 1864, aged 80 years. He received the degree of D.D. from Dartmouth in 1829 and was a prominent man in the state. Rev. Samuel A. Fay of Barre was his son.

March 22, 1821 a Calvinistic Society was formed and built a new meeting house.

Rev. George Fisher of Wrentham, who graduated at Brown in 1815 and studied theology with Dr. Ide, was ordained pastor September 12, 1821. He commenced preaching at Harvard soon after the Calvinistic Society was formed; the ordination service was in the new church, before the pulpit or seats were made. Mr. Fisher was a scholar and a theologian. He possessed those mental faculties that fitted him to occupy no mean position among his brethren. His sermons were full of instruction, plain, simple and logical. He was a Calvinist of the school of Emmons.

He was a good man and highly esteemed by his people. He died September 6, 1853, aged 57 years.

Harwich, Mass. November 12, 1744.

This was the South Church in Harwich till 1803, when the North Parish became the town of Brewster.

Rev. Edward Pell of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1730 and was ordained July 12, 1747. It is probable he was there some time previous to his ordination. His salary was 135 bushels of corn, 15 of rye, 210 of wheat, 16 cords of oak wood and 5 loads of hay. They were also to provide a parsonage. He died November 24, 1752, aged 41 years. After his death Rev. Benjamin Crocker preached as a supply two years, but was not ordained.

Rev. John Dennis of Ipswich graduated at Harvard in 1730 and was settled at Charlestown, N.H. December 4, 1754. He was dismissed March 31, 1756 in consequence of

Indian difficulties and installed pastor of this church the same year. He was dismissed in 1760 and does not appear to have been settled again. He died September 2, 1773, aged 65 years.

Rev. Jonathan Mills, 1766-1773(See Bellingham)

Rev. Nathan Underwood of Lexington was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and did not enter college till he was 31 years old. He graduated at Harvard in 1788 and was ordained November 21, 1792. He resigned his pastoral charge in 1828 and received a pension from the Government for his services in the army, which made his old age comfortable. He died May 1, 1841, aged 88 years.

The church depended on stated supplies after he was dismissed and had no pastor for eleven years.

Harwich Port, Mass. April 3, 1855

Harwinton, Ct. 1737

Rev. Andrew Bartholomew of Branford

graduated at Yale in 1731, was ordained in 1737 and dismissed in 1774. He died March 6, 1776, aged 62 years. He married Sarah Catlin of Hartford and had 8 children. She died in 1789, aged 70 years.

Rev. David Perry of Huntington graduated at Yale in 1772, studied theology with Dr. Bellamy, and was pastor of this church from 1776 to 1784 and of the church in Richmond, Mass. from August 25, 1784 to Jan'y 1, 1816, when on account of failing health he resigned. He died there June 7, 1817, aged 71 years. He was a good minister, eminent for the expression and daily exhibition of piety and faithful in the discharge of every duty.

Rev. Joshua Williams of Wethersfield graduated at Yale in 1780 and was pastor of the church in Southampton, L.I. till 1790, when he became pastor of this church and continued in office till 1822. He died in 1836, aged 75 years. He was of medium size, rather slender and quick in his movements.

His mind was active, his heart warm and full of sympathy.

Hatfield, Mass. 1760.

Rev. Hope Atherton was son of Major General Humphrey Atherton of Dorchester. He graduated at Harvard in 1665, taught school in Dorchester in 1667 and 8, and is supposed to have been ordained in 1670. He was chaplain of the troops under Capt. Turner in Philip's War and was at the battle of Montague May 18, 1676. In the retreat of the troops he was lost, of which in a sermon preached soon after he gave the following account:

"In the hurry and confusion of the retreat, I was separated from the army. The next day I wandered up and down among the dwelling places of the enemy, but none of them discovered me. The next day I tendered myself to them a prisoner, for I saw no way of escape and had been a long time without food, but they would not take me, and when I moved towards them they fled. Finding they would not accept my offer, I determined to take the course of the river, and after several

days of fatigue and hunger reached Hatfield."

He died June, 1679, aged 33 years. He married Sarah, daughter of John Hollister of Wethersfield and had three children.

Rev. Nathaniel Chauncey was son of Rev. Charles Chauncey, President of Harvard College, where he graduated in 1661. He preached to a part of the church in Windsor, Ct. from 1668 to 1680, was probably ordained at Hatfield in the year last named and continued here till his death, which occurred November 4, 1685. He is supposed to have been 46 years old. His daughter Catherine was married to Rev. Daniel Brewer of Springfield, and Sarah to the Rev. Samuel Whittlesey of Wallingford, Ct. Rev. Nathaniel Chauncey of Durham, Ct. was his son. He married Abigail Strong of Northampton.

Rev. William Williams, son of Isaac Williams of Newton, graduated at Harvard in 1683 and was ordained, some say, in 1685,- probably in 1686. He married first a daughter of Rev. Mr. Cotton of Boston, and

then a daughter of Rev. Solomon Stoddard of Northampton. He was a man of uncommon talent, a great divine, of very comprehensive knowledge, and of solid, accurate judgment. President Edwards knew him and speaks of him as a man of eminent gifts, who had a savor of holiness in the exercise of those gifts in public and private. His presence and conversation did peculiarly command awe and yet he was humble and condescending. Dr. Chauncey, in a letter to President Stiles, says he was a greater man than his father-in-law, Rev. Mr. Stoddard. He published ten occasional sermons, most of them ordination sermons. He died suddenly August 31, 1740, in the 76th. year of his age. Rev. Solomon Williams, D.D. of Lebanon, Ct., Rev. Elisha Williams, Rector of Yale College, and Rev. William Williams of Weston were his sons.

Rev. Timothy Woodbridge is supposed to have been a son of Rev. Timothy Woodbridge of Simsbury, Ct. He graduated at Yale in 1732 and was ordained in 1740. He

continued here till his death, June 30, 1770, aged 57 years. He was a good man and a good scholar. He was for a time tutor in Yale College, previous to his settlement.

Rev. Joseph Lyman of Lebanon, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1767, was tutor in the college one year, and was ordained March 4, 1772. He took a lively interest in whatever pertained to the welfare of his country or to the moral improvement of the race. He was a zealous advocate of American independence. It was through his efforts that the General Association of Massachusetts was formed. He was one of the original members of the American Board of Commissioners. His style of writing was simple and plain and he was always listened to with deep attention. He had a vigorous mind, was strictly Calvinistic in his doctrinal views. He was frank in the avowal of his sentiments, but reserved in speaking of his own religious exercises.

He was one of the leading men of his generation. He married Miss Hannah Huntington of his native place, by whom he had seven children, two only of whom survived him. He published twelve sermons. He died March 27, 1828 of a cancerous tumor in the mouth, in the 79th. year of his age. He bore his severe and protracted suffering with Christian patience and resignation. He received the degree of D.D. from Williams College in 1801.

Rev. Jared B. Waterbury, 1827-29

Rev. Levi Pratt of Cummington, graduated at Amherst in 1826 and at Andover in 1829, was ordained June 23, 1830 and dismissed in 1835. He was installed at Medford, where he died suddenly of typhus fever August 9, 1837, aged 37 years. He was a man of an excellent spirit, a good sermonizer, devoted to his work and greatly beloved. He married a granddaughter of Dr. Lyman and had one child; both have since died.

Rev. Henry Neill 1840-45

Rev. Jared O. Knapp, 1850-55 (See Plainfield)

Haverhill, Mass. Oct. 24, 1665.

This church was organized at Rowley.

Rev. John Ward, son of Rev. Nathaniel Ward of Ipswich, the author of "The Simple Cobbler of Agawam", was born in Haverhill, England, November 5, 1606, came to this country in 1639 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He was the projector of the settlement at Haverhill and in fact the father of the town. He saw the first tree fall and the first house reared. No preacher ever had a stronger hold than he on the affections of his people. He was a person of quick apprehension, clear understanding, strong memory and facetious conversation. He was an exact grammarian, an expert physician and a thorough divine. These endowments of mind were accompanied with a most healthy, hardy and agile constitution of body; he was accustomed to perform journeys of thirty miles on foot. He was a modest, bashful man, wonderfully reserved with

strangers and temperate in his habits. He preached his last sermon November 19 and died of paralysis December 27, 1693, in the 88th. year of his age. He lived in great harmony with his wife, although she was very faithful in pointing out to him his faults. He pleasantly compared her to an accusing conscience, yet she pleased him well.

In 1656 there was some difficulty between Mr. Ward and some of his people in regard to his salary, which they thought exorbitant. It was referred to an ecclesiastical council and the difficulty was adjusted.

Rev. Benjamin Rolfe was born at Newbury September 13, 1662, graduated at Harvard 1684, and was ordained January 7, 1694. He assisted Mr. Ward some time previous to his death. There was considerable opposition to his settlement, so much that a vote to defray the expenses of his ordination was lost.

August 29, 1708 the town was attacked by a party of French and Indians. Mr. Rolfe saw them approaching his house and stood against

the door to prevent their entrance. Two balls passed through the door, one of which wounded him in the elbow. Finding resistance vain and having called upon three soldiers stationed in his house for help, he fled through a back door, followed by an Indian who killed him with his tomahawk, near the well. They killed also his wife and youngest child. A female servant hid the other two children, little girls 6 and 8 years old, under some tubs in the cellar and secreted herself behind a barrel. They were preserved. One of these girls afterwards became the wife of Rev. Mr. Checkley of Boston. Mr. Rolfe at the time of his death was in the 46th. year of his age. He seems to have been a pious and upright man, ardently devoting his time and talents to promote the cause of Christ. There was no difficulty between him and his people after his settlement.

Rev. Joshua Gardner graduated at Harvard in 1707 at the age of twenty and was ordained January 11, 1711. He made a profession of religion

at the age of 13. He was a man of earnest and devoted piety and of brilliant talents. He died just as he entered upon the stage of usefulness, March 21, 1715, aged 28 years. He left an unspotted name and his memory was cherished as sacred by the people, as though he had lived till his head was silvered with age. The parish raised 34 pounds to defray the expenses of his funeral.

Rev. John Brown, a native of that part of Cambridge now called Brighton, was ordained May 13, 1719. During the four years that intervened between the death of Mr. Gardner and the settlement of Mr. Brown the people were much divided. They had several candidates and referred their difficulties to committees from abroad, but remained divided still. They finally became weary of contention and gave a unanimous call to Mr. Brown, who graduated at Harvard in 1714. He married the daughter of Rev. Rowland Cotton of Sandwich, by whom he had seven children; his four sons graduated at Harvard and his three daughters lived to be married.

Mr. Brown died December 2, 1742, aged 46 years. The town voted 100 pounds to defray the expenses of his funeral, which was to be given to Madam Brown to be used at her discretion.

Rev. Edward Barnard was ordained April 27, 1743. He was son of Rev. John Barnard of Andover and graduated at Harvard in 1736. He was a most accomplished preacher; his popular talents were not eminent, but his discourses were correct and excellent compositions, and highly relished by scholars and men of taste. He was a fine classical scholar and excellent in poetry as well as in prose. Four of his sermons and one poem were published. He was an Arminian in doctrine; a portion of his church seceded and became Baptists; they said he was an unconverted man and did not preach the Gospel. In a sermon preached thirty years after his settlement he said "he had delivered nothing he would not venture his soul upon." He believed in the fallen state of man, in the free grace of Christ as the foundation of hope,

in the necessity of regeneration and of the influences of the Spirit. He died January 26, 1774, aged 54 years.

Rev. John Shaw, son of Rev. John Shaw of Bridgewater, graduated at Harvard in 1772, studied theology with Rev. William Smith of Weymouth and was ordained March 12, 1777. He continued in office till he died of apoplexy, September 29, 1794, aged 47 years. He married a daughter of Rev. W. Smith of Weymouth.

Rev. Abiel Abbott 1795-1803 (See Beverly)

Rev. Joshua Dodge 1808-27 (See Moultonborough)

Rev. Dudley Phelps 1828-33 (See Groton)

The orthodox portion withdrew and organized the Central Church August 28, 1833.

Rev. Benjamin F. Hosford* of Thetford, Vt. graduated at Dartmouth in 1838, at Andover in 1841, and was ordained pastor of this church May 21, 1845. He was obliged to resign on account of failing health, October, 1863, and died of pulmonary consumption August 10, 1864, aged

* In Chase's History of Haverhill this name is given as Horsford, but in the list of Dartmouth graduates it appears as Hosford, which is probably the correct spelling.

46 years.

Haverhill, Mass. West Church, October, 1735

Rev. Samuel Bacheller of Reading graduated at Harvard in 1731 and was ordained in July, 1735. Many were dissatisfied with him at the time of his settlement, but they did not make much disturbance till 1755, when he preached a sermon on the text "It is finished", which was denounced by a shrewd and fearless man as downright heresy. A sharp controversy commenced, which raged with unabated violence, until his dismission took place October 9, 1761. Mr. Bacheller was upheld by his association and two ecclesiastical councils. His accuser charged him with saying that the blood and water which flowed from the side of Christ, his burial and resurrection were no part of the atonement. During the year previous to his dismission eight parish meetings were held, at which it was voted to take away the parsonage, to shut up the meeting house, and to put themselves under the Boston Presbytery. The times were exceedingly stormy and the parish has been

much agitated by religious controversies ever since. Mr. Bacheller removed to Royalston and resided with his son till he died, March 19, 1796, aged 89 years.

Rev. Phineas Adams of Rowley graduated at Harvard in 1763 and was ordained January 9, 1771. He continued in office till he died, November 17, 1801, aged 60 years.

Rev. Moses G. Grosvenor 1826-1828

Rev. Abijah Cross of Methuen graduated at Dartmouth in 1821 and was pastor of the church in Salisbury, N.H. from March 24, 1824 to April 1, 1829. He immediately commenced preaching to this church and was installed May 18, 1831. He continued pastor till he was dismissed, January 26, 1853. He continued to reside in the place till he died, April 14, 1856, aged 62. As a man and Christian he was above reproach or suspicion. As a minister he was serious, earnest and affectionate. He was an esteemed and useful pastor. He married Amelia Swan of Methuen.

Haverhill, Mass. East Church, Nov. 28, 1744

Rev. Benjamin Parker of Bradford graduated at Harvard in 1737 and was ordained in November, 1744. He was dismissed Jan'y 22, 1777 and died November 29, 1790, aged 76 years. He published a sermon on the death of Rev. Mr. Barnard.

Rev. Nehemiah Ordway of Amesbury graduated at Harvard in 1764, was ordained at Middleton, N.H. in 1778, and resigned the next year. He was ordained here in 1789 and dismissed in 1794. He died at Pembroke, N.H., in June, 1836, aged 93 years.

Rev. Isaac Tompkins of Dartmouth graduated at Brown in 1795 and was ordained Jan'y 7, 1797. He continued in office till he died, November 21, 1826, aged 66 years.

Rev. John H. Stevens of Canterbury, Ct. was not a graduate of any college. He was ordained at Methuen March 18, 1791 and dismissed March 10, 1795. He was installed at Stoneham November 11, 1795 and dismissed

November 11, 1827; he was installed pastor of this church in April, 1828 and dismissed in 1833. He returned to Stoneham, where he died August 9, 1851, aged 86 years. He was a man much respected and a useful minister.

Haverhill, Mass., Winter Street May 13, 1839

Haverhill, N.H. October 13, 1790

Previous to the organization of the church the people attended public worship at Newbury, Vermont, on the opposite side of the Connecticut River.

Rev. Ethan Smith 1792-99 (See Hanover)

Rev. John Smith 1802-1807 Deposed.

Rev. Grant Powers of Hollis graduated at Dartmouth in 1810, and in 1814 stopped at this place for the night in feeble health, being on his way home to die, as he supposed. He found there was a revival of religion and that the people had no minister. He tarried a while and found that the excitement of the revival benefited his health. He recovered and was ordained pastor in January, 1815. He

resigned in 1829 and was installed at Goshen, Ct. August 17 of the same year. He continued there till he died, April 11, 1841, aged 57 years. "As a man and as a minister he was above the middle stature. He was in interesting and useful preacher; he was honest, frank and cheerful."

Rev. Henry Wood 1831-35

Rev. Joseph Gibbs, not a graduate of any college, was ordained in June, 1835. His health failed soon after his settlement. He died April 11, 1837, aged 27 years.

Haverhill, N.H., North Church, June, 1815

Hawley, Mass. September 16, 1778

Rev. Jonathan Grout of Westboro graduated at Harvard in 1790, studied theology with Dr. Lyman of Hatfield, and was ordained October 23, 1793. He continued in office till he died, June 6, 1835, aged 72 years. He left a widow and five children, having buried four. He published three or four sermons. He was a diligent, laborious and successful minister. His sermons

were not polished, but practical and instructive. He had a loud and commanding voice, which rendered him popular. He was a social, kind-hearted, good man. He married Polly, daughter of Samuel Taylor of Buckland, and had nine children.

Hawley, Mass., West, August 24, 1825

Rev. Moses Miller, 1840-46 (See Heath)

Heath, Mass. April 15, 1785

Rev. Joseph Strong, son of Rev. Joseph Strong of Williamsburgh, graduated at Yale in 1784, studied theology with his father, and was installed October 27, 1790, having been for a time a missionary in the State of Maine. He was dismissed June 10, 1803 and removed to South Hadley. He preached for a time in Maine and was pastor of the church in Eastbury, Ct. from 1806 to 1818. He resided again in South Hadley, then in Preble, N.Y., and died in Clinton, N.Y. at the house of his son, Prof. Theodore Strong, December 19, 1823, in the 68th. year

of his age. His remains are interred at South Hadley. He was a very meek, conscientious man, poor in this world's goods; was obliged to work on his farm by day and write sermons by night. He died of a liver complaint, in a very happy frame of mind, rejoicing with joy beyond expression.

Rev. Moses Miller of Worcester graduated at Brown in 1800 and was ordained December 26, 1804. He was dismissed April 21, 1840, and was pastor of the church in West Hawley from May, 1840 to October, 1846. He preached the next two years at Nunda and Portage, N.Y. After that he resided with his son-in-law, Rev. W. A. Nichols, in Brookfield and removed with him to Chicago, Ill., where he died in April, 1855, in the 79th. year of his age. He married Bethiah Ware of Conway, by whom he had nine children. He was a good man and much esteemed.

*Rev. Calvin Butler, 1838-40

Rev. Samuel M. Emerson, 1840-41 (See Chester)

* Colleague of Rev. Mr. Miller.

Hebron, N.H. See Groton.

Groton and Hebron have usually had one and the same pastor.

Hebron, Ct. 1717

Rev. John Bliss graduated at Yale in 1710 and was ordained in October, 1717. In 1734 he declared himself an Episcopalian, was dismissed and gathered an Episcopal church in his parish, of which he was pastor till he died in 1741, aged about 55 years.

Rev. Benjamin Pomeroy of Suffield graduated at Yale in 1733 and was ordained in 1735. He was an ardent and zealous preacher and a warm admirer of Whitefield. For endeavoring to arouse his slumbering brethren and their stupid congregations in the vicinity without permission of the pastors, which was contrary to the law of the state, he was deprived of his salary for seven successive years. He was a Calvinist in doctrine, a devout and godly man. He married Abigail Wheelock of Windham, by whom

he had seven children, one of whom, Hannah, married Rev. David McClure of Windsor. He received the degree of D.D. from Dartmouth and was a Trustee of Yale College. He died December 22, 1784, aged 81 years.

Rev. Samuel Kellogg graduated at Harvard in 1787 and was pastor of this church from 1788 to 1794. After his dismission he removed to Westfield, Mass. and engaged in farming. He subsequently removed to Hartford, where he died in 1826, aged about 65.

Rev. Amos Basset of Derby graduated at Yale in 1784, was tutor from 1789 to 1793, and was pastor of this church from 1794 to 1824. He resigned and took charge of the Foreign Mission School at Cornwall for the education of heathen youth. He continued here about two years and in 1827 removed to Monroe, where he died April 3, 1828, in the 64th. year of his age. He was many years a trustee of Yale College. He received the degree of D.D. from Williams College in 1817. He was an humble, faithful and devoted servant

of Christ. He was able to preach a good sermon, if occasion required, on shorter notice than any clergyman in the state.

Rev. Lyman Strong, 1825-30 (See Colchester)

Rev. Hiram P. Arms, 1830-32

Rev. Moses T. Harris, 1834-35

Rev. Sylvester Selden, son of Rev. David Selden of Middle Haddam (See Chatham), graduated at Williams in 1807 and at Andover in 1810. He was ordained at Westbrook June 10, 1812, dismissed in 1834 and installed pastor of this church September 30, 1835. He continued here till he died, October 24, 1841, aged 55 years. He was buried at Middle Haddam, by the side of his father.

Hebron, Ct., Gilead Parish, 1748

Rev. Elijah Lathrop graduated at Yale in 1749 and was ordained in 1756. He continued in office till he died in 1797, aged 73 years. He had six daughters and one son. He was a useful and much respected minister.

Rev. Nathan Gillet graduated at Williams College in 1798 and was pastor of

this church from 1801 to 1824, when he removed to Wayne County, N.Y., where he died in 1845, aged 68 years.

Hebron, Maine, October 8, 1802.

The parish included many families in West Minot.

Rev. Henry Sewall, 1812-17 (See Bethel)

Rev. James Gooch of North Yarmouth graduated at Bowdoin in 1823 and was pastor of this church from December 25, 1828 to November 25, 1834. He labored some years as a missionary in Aroostook County and died in his native place, March 24, 1848, aged 47 years.

Rev. Cyril Pearl, 1841-43 (See Orrington)

Henniker, N.H. June 7, 1769

Rev. Jacob Rice of Northborough graduated at Harvard in 1765 and was ordained June 7, 1769. He was dismissed on account of ill health February 21, 1782 and after that for many years preached only occasionally. Having preached for a time at Andover, Maine, he was in 1806

installed at Brownfield in that state, where he died February 21, 1824, aged 84 years.

Rev. Moses Sawyer of Salisbury graduated at Dartmouth in 1799 and was ordained May 26, 1802. He was dismissed March 29, 1826. He delivered the Philosophical Oration at the time of his graduation and studied theology with Dr. Burton of Thetford, Vt. He was a faithful preacher and distinguished for prudence. He was pastor at Scarborough, Maine from September, 1828 to April, 1830, and at Gloucester, Mass. from March 2, 1831 to 1835. He preached as stated supply at Saugus from 1836 to 1842 and died in 1847, aged 71 years.

Highgate, Vt. October 28, 1811

Hill, N.H. February 19, 1815.

Rev. Isaac Knight, 1831-37 (See Franklin)

Hillsborough, N.H. October 12, 1769

Rev. Jonathan Barns*of Middleborough, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1770 and was ordained Nov. 25, 1772. He married Miss Abigail Curtiss. After he

* Also spelled Barnes.

had preached about 30 years his mind was impaired by a stroke of lightning, by reason of which he fell from his horse. He resigned his charge October 20, 1803 and died in that place August 3, 1805, aged 56 years. He was a man of respectable talents, but Arminian in doctrine.

Rev. Stephen Chapin of Milford, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1804 and was ordained June 19, 1805. He was dismissed May 12, 1808 and installed at Mont Vernon November 26, 1809. He was dismissed in 1818 on account of a change in his denominational views. In 1822 he was appointed President of the Columbian College (Baptist) in the city of Washington. He was afterwards Professor of Theology at Waterville College in Maine. He received the degree of D.D. from Brown in 1822. He died October 1, 1845, aged 67 years. He married Miss Sarah Mosher of Hollis, by whom he had five children. He studied theology with Dr. Emmons. He was a man of thought, but not a brilliant preacher.

Rev. Seth Chapin, 1812-16 (See Granville)

Rev. John Lawton of Hardwick, Mass.

graduated at Middlebury in 1805, studied theology with Rev. Mr. Preston of Rupert, Vt., was pastor at Windham, Vt. from 1809 to 1819, and of this church from November 9, 1821 to April 22, 1834. He then spent two years as a missionary in Illinois, after which he preached as stated supply in Vermont and New Hampshire. He died at Newport, N.H., April 17, 1842, in the 62nd. year of his age. His death was occasioned by inhaling a poisonous substance used in taking daguerreotypes.

Rev. Milton Ward, 1834-1836

He became an Episcopalian.

Rev. Seth Farnsworth of Claremont graduated at Dartmouth in 1822 and was settled in Raymond October 3, 1824. He was dismissed in 1834 on account of the ill health of his wife, and installed at Hillsborough November 23, 1836. He died of lung fever March 26, 1837. He was an able preacher and a man of deep piety. He died a very happy death.

Hillsborough Center, 1839

Hillsborough Bridge May 29, 1839

Hinesburgh, Vt. 1789

Rev. Reuben Parmele graduated at Yale in 1784 and was pastor of this church from 1791 to 1795. In 1798 he removed to Victor, Ontario County, N.Y. and seems to have resided there till he died in 1843, aged about 80 years. He was pastor of a Congregational church in Victor till 1806 and stated supply till 1812.

Rev. Otto D. Hoyt, 1818-31

Rev. Mason Knapen, 1831-32 (See Orwell)

Hingham, Mass. September, 1635

Rev. Peter Hobart was born at Hingham in England in the latter part of 1604 and graduated at Cambridge University. He preached 9 years in England and arrived in this country June 8, 1635, having a wife and four children. He was a good scholar and much admired for his well studied sermons. He studied standing at a high desk and recommended it to others as a preventative of the gravel. Mather says,- "He met with many temptations and afflictions, which are better forgotten than remembered." He here alludes to difficulties that originated among the members of a military company, which

enlisted the feelings of the whole town, arrested the attention of the church, and required finally the interposition of the government. Mr. Hobart was connected with it and censured by the government, though sustained by the majority of the people in Hingham, including the worthiest citizens. It seems that Mr. Hobart and the majority were in favor of a company's choosing its own captain. They pled for more liberty and probably spoke unadvisedly against their rulers.

It does not appear, however, that Mr. Hobart's reputation and usefulness suffered very much in consequence of this difficulty. He enjoyed the esteem of his people and though fined by the Court,in common with many others, his parishioners paid it. His labors were not without success, though he often spoke of the barrenness of his ministry. He was considered a bold man, who usually spoke his mind. He died January 20, 1679, in the 43rd. year of his ministry in that place, and in the 75th. year of his age.

Rev. Robert Peck, a preacher of the

Gospel in Hingham, England, came to this country in 1638, and November 28 that year was ordained teacher. The people, however, rejoiced in his light only for a season. In 1641, at the solicitation of friends in England, he returned and preached there till his death.

Rev. John Norton was ordained November 27, 1678, a few weeks before Mr. Hobart died. He was born at Ipswich, was nephew of Rev. John Norton of Boston, and graduated at Harvard in 1671. He was mild and amiable in his disposition, conciliating in his deportment and well calculated to preserve harmony. He died October 3, 1716.

Rev. Ebenezer Gay, D.D. was born in Dedham August 26, 1696. He graduated at Harvard in 1714 and was ordained June 11, 1718. He was a man of distinguished ability. The duties of his office engrossed his whole attention. He studied the Bible with great diligence and became mighty in the Scriptures. His sermons gave evidence of close thought and careful preparation. He practiced what he preached. He was a man of great kindness; his

heart and door were always open to his friends and by his hospitality he secured the affectionate regard of all who visited his house. He was often on ecclesiastical councils and was very successful in his attempts to heal divisions. He was calm, full of tenderness towards the afflicted and distressed. On his 85th. birthday he preached his celebrated sermon entitled "The Old Man's Calendar", which passed through several editions, was reprinted in England, translated into the Dutch language and published in Holland. Besides this he published 18 other occasional sermons, most of them preached at ordinations. He dreaded to live beyond the period of his usefulness and it is remarkable that his mental powers remained vigorous to the close of a long life,- and his bodily strength was almost equal to his mental.

His death was sudden. While preparing for the pulpit Sabbath morning, March 18, 1787, he was taken suddenly ill and died in one hour, in the 91st. year of his age. He received the degree of D.D. from Harvard

in 1785.

Rev. Henry Ware, son of John Ware of Sherborn, graduated at Harvard in 1785 and was ordained October 24, 1787. In 1805 he was elected Hollis Professor of Divinity of Harvard College and was dismissed on his acceptance of that office. He resigned his professorship in 1840 and died at Cambridge, July 12, 1845, in the 82nd. year of his age. He was thrice married; (1) to Mary, daughter of Rev. Jonas Clark of Lexington; (2) to Mary Otis, widow of Benjamin Lincoln; and (3) to Elizabeth, daughter of Nicholas Bowes, an eminent book seller in Boston. He was the father of 18 children.

At the time of his induction into office he was suspected of leanings towards Unitarianism and the Calvinistic clergymen of that day complained that he was not examined so carefully as the Hollis Professor of Divinity should have been. He came out eventually in favor of Unitarianism. He received the degree of D.D. in 1806.

Hingham, Mass. Second Church 1745

Rev. Daniel Shute, the first pastor, was a native of Malden and graduated at Harvard in 1743. He possessed a strong, discriminating mind and great weight and respectability of character. His knowledge of human nature, his literary acquirements and the liberality of his political and religious sentiments gave him great influence. His colloquial powers were fine and his conversation instructive. He was a member of the convention which formed the constitution of Massachusetts and of that which adopted the constitution of the United States. He lost his sight near the close of life and ceased from his labors in 1799, but was not dismissed. He died August 30, 1802, in the 81st. year of his age. He published some occasional sermons. He received the degree of D.D. from Harvard in 1790.

Hingham, Mass. Evangelical Dec. 21, 1847

Hinsdale, Mass. December 17, 1795

This town was named for Rev. Theodore

Hinsdale. (See Windsor, Ct.)

Rev. Caleb Knight of Lisbon, Ct. graduated at Williams in 1800, studied theology with Dr. Backus of Somers, Ct. and was ordained April 28, 1802. He was dismissed April 9, 1816, was pastor of a church in Franklin, N.Y. from 1817 to 1822, of the church in Washington from 1826 to 1835, and at Montgomery from 1836 to 1839. On leaving Montgomery he retired from pastoral duties and spent the remainder of his days with his son in Hatfield, He died after an illness of two days, October 25, 1854, aged 83 years. He left a wife and two children.

He was a man of great perseverance. He entered college at the age of 25 and was obliged to pay his own expenses. He was a man of unbending integrity, of exemplary life and conversation, and of a sound, discriminating judgment. He was not a brilliant preacher, but a good man and endured unto the end.

Rev. William A. Hawley of Huntington,

Ct. graduated at Williams in 1815, studied theology with Dr. Catlin of New Marlborough, and was ordained in July, 1817. He was dismissed in 1841 and installed the same year at Plainfield, and again dismissed in 1847. He preached in different places as his health permitted and died at Sunderland, May 20, 1854, aged 66 years. He was strongly Calvinistic in his theology and cultivated the reasoning rather than the imaginative faculties. He was a useful minister and devoted to his work. His wife, Deborah, died in Illinois in 1858, aged 69 years.

Rev. Seth W. Bannister 1841-46 (See Ware)

Hinsdale, N.H. 1763

Rev. Bunker Gay of Dedham, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1760 and was ordained August 17, 1763. The sermon was by Dr. Gay of Suffield, Ct. and the ordaining prayer by Dr. Gay of Hingham, Mass. The Ashuelot River was so high that it was with difficulty it could be crossed. He continued here till he died, October 19, 1815, aged

80 years. He resigned his pastorate in 1810. His influence, it is said, was not in all respects salutary to the cause of truth. The church became almost extinct at his decease. It was reorganized October 8, 1821.

Hiram, Maine October 25, 1826 (See Brownville)

Hodgdon, Maine September 25, 1845

Holden, Mass. December 22, 1742

Rev. Joseph Davis of Lexington graduated at Harvard in 1740 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He was dismissed October 18, 1772. He did not settle again, but preached as stated supply in many places. January 2, 1793, he preached a semi-centennial sermon at Holden, which was published. He died March 4, 1799, aged 79 years. He was considered a man of sincere piety.

Rev. Joseph Avery of Dedham graduated at Harvard in 1771 and was ordained December 21, 1774. He continued in office till he died, March 5, 1824, aged 73 years.

He was a respectable and useful man and saw many of his flock gathered into the fold of Christ.

Holden, Maine November 11, 1828

Holland, Vermont December, 1842

Holland, Mass. September 13, 1765

Rev. Ezra Reeve of Long Island graduated at Yale in 1757 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He continued here till he died, April 28, 1818, aged 85 years.

Rev. Enoch Burt of Longmeadow graduated at Princeton in 1805, was a missionary in Ohio till 1820, and was installed pastor of this church May 19, 1821. He was dismissed in 1823 and was pastor of the church in Manchester, Ct. from July 1, 1824 to January 10, 1828. He resided in Manchester till he died, November 11, 1856, aged 79 years. He was somewhat distinguished for his mechanical skill and ingenuity and prior to his entering college had learned a trade.

Hollis, N.H. 1743

Rev. Daniel Emerson of Reading, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1739 and was ordained April 20, 1743. He continued there till he died, September 30, 1801, aged 85 years. He was a popular and successful preacher and much esteemed by the people. He was chaplain at Crown Point a short time during the Revolution.

Rev. Eli Smith of Belchertown,(Mass.) graduated at Brown in 1792 and was ordained colleague with Mr. Emerson November 27, 1793. He was a man of more than ordinary natural abilities, an energetic defender of the truth and a successful pastor. He was brother of John Smith, D.D., professor at Bangor. He was dismissed in February 1831, but resided here till he died, May 12, 1847, in the 87th. year of his age.

Rev. David Perry 1831-42

Rev. James Aikin 1843-48

Rev. Matthew D. Gordon completed his theological course at the Union Theological Seminary in 1846, was chaplain and warden of

the Sing Sing prison two years, and was ordained pastor of this church March 21, 1849. He resigned on account of ill health June 7, 1852 and, after two years of great suffering, together with the loss of his wife, he died at Hoosick Falls, N.Y., August 21, 1853, aged 40 years.

Holliston, Mass. October 31, 1728

Rev. James Stone, a native of Newton, graduated at Harvard in 1724 and was ordained November 30, 1728. He was a zealous and faithful minister and died of a fever that was very malignant July 28, 1742, aged 38 years. The last sermon he preached was from these words: "I have finished my course"; it was published.

Rev. Joshua Prentiss, a native of Cambridge, graduated at Harvard in 1738 and was ordained May 18, 1743. In December, 1753 and January, 1754 the town was visited with a most distressing and fatal sickness; in 6 weeks 53 persons died out of a population of 400. In one week 17 died and one day there were 5 funerals. He continued pastor 42 years and was dismissed; he continued to reside there

till his death, which occurred soon after April 24, 1788, aged 70 years. He was the father of Dr. Thomas Prentiss of Medfield.

Rev. Timothy Dickinson of Amherst graduated at Dartmouth in 1785 and was ordained February 18, 1789. He studied theology with Rev. Mr. Tappan of Newbury, afterwards Divinity Professor at Harvard. He published a sermon preached before the Massachusetts Missionary(Society)in 1811. He died greatly lamented July 6, 1813, aged 53 years.

Rev. Josephus Wheaton, a native of Rehoboth, graduated at Brown University in 1812 and was ordained December 6, 1815? He died February 3, 1825, aged 37 years. He had a mind richly furnished and a heart devoted to God. He was a man of untiring industry; he improved every moment and yet he lamented at the close of each day that his time had been no better improved. His standard of excellence was set so high that, while others admired his attainments, he was mourning over his deficiencies. His preparation for the pulpit was anxious and faith-

ful and his exertion on the Sabbath too great for his physical strength.

Rev. Charles Fitch of Williamstown, Mass., son of Rev. Dr. Fitch, the first president of Williams College, graduated at that institution in 1818 and studied theology at Princeton. He was first settled in Cherry Valley, N.Y. and was installed pastor of this church January 4, 1826 and dismissed April 1, 1832. He preached a while at Batavia, N.Y., at Springfield, Ohio, in Illinois, and finally in Iowa. He was, at the time of his death in 1863, a member of the Presbytery of Dubuque(Old School). He was 64.

Holyoke, Mass. December 4, 1799

Holyoke, Mass. Second Church, May 24, 1849.

Hookset, N.H. 1828

Hopkinton, N.H. November 23, 1757

Rev. James Scales of Boxford, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1733 and was ordained the day the church was gathered.

There being no meeting house the ordination service was in the open air. He was dismissed July 4, 1770 and died at Hopkinton July 26, 1776, aged 64 years. His son Stephen graduated at Harvard and was a distinguished scholar.

Rev. Elijah Fletcher of Westford, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1769 and was ordained January 27, 1773. He died in office, April 8, 1786, aged 39 years. He married Bridget Richardson of Chelmsford, (Mass.), by whom he had four children, one of whom, Grace, was the wife of Hon. Daniel Webster.

Rev. Jacob Cram of Hampton Falls graduated at Dartmouth in 1782 and was ordained February 25, 1789. Three weeks before his ordination the meeting house was burned by an incendiary and he was ordained in the open air. He was dismissed January 6, 1792. He preached occasionally after this, but seems not to have been resettled. He resided in Exeter and died there December 21, 1833, aged 71 years.

After Mr. Cram's dismission the church was destitute of a pastor eight years, during which time there was a revival, a division of the church, and a reunion.

Rev. Ethan Smith 1800-17 (See Haverhill)

Hopkinton, Mass. September 2, 1724

Rev. Samuel Barrett of Boston, graduated at Harvard in 1721 and was ordained the day the church was organized. The town gave him sixty pounds toward building a house, an annual salary of thirty-five pounds for three years, after which it was to be seventy pounds, and fire wood. He died December 11, 1772 in the 73rd. year of his age. He was a man of true piety, of great candor and good nature. He was universally beloved and his death lamented.

Rev. Elijah Fitch of Windham, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1765 and was ordained colleague with Mr. Barrett January 15, 1772; and died December 18, 1788, aged 42 years. He had a high relish for literature and science and was a man of lively sensibility.

No one ever participated more feelingly in the happiness or misery of his fellow men than he. He possessed all the qualifications that could render him useful in public or in private life. The only fault found with him was that he was too taciturn and reserved in mixed companies. He published a poem in blank verse entitled "The Beauties of Religion".

Rev. Nathaniel Howe of Linebrook Parish, Ipswich, graduated at Harvard in 1786. He fitted for college at Dummer Academy, entered the Junior Class at Nassau Hall, N.J., where he remained one year. He studied theology with Dr. Hart of Connecticut and Dr. Emmons. He was ordained October 5, 1791, with the distinct understanding that he would not receive any persons on the Half-Way Covenant scheme, though he would exchange with persons who would perform that service in his stead. In 1815 he preached his famous Century sermon, the fourth edition of which has been published within a few years, with notes. It has been translated into foreign languages.

He was a man of much talent, eccentric, devout and unflinching in the utterance of truth. He published a sermon on baptism,- and a reply to strictures upon it by Dr. Baldwin, and also a catechism for children. He was very gifted in prayer. He preached for the last time December 25, 1836 and died in peace and hope February 15, 1837, in the 73rd. year of his age. His wife, Olive Jones of Hopkinton, was as distinguished as her husband. They had four children, one of whom, Mary, was the wife of Rev. Samuel Russell of Huntington.

Rev. Amos A. Phelps of Simsbury, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1826, studied theology at New Haven and was ordained colleague pastor with Mr. Howe September 14, 1830. His cordial enlistment in the cause of temperance was so displeasing to many of the people that it led to his dismission May 1, 1832. He was installed pastor of Pine Street Church in Boston in September of the same year and in consequence of failing health resigned, and was dismissed March 26, 1834. In 1833 he delivered

an address on the subject of slavery in which he advocated the doctrine of immediate emancipation. This address he enlarged and published as four lectures, which became a sort of text book in that subject. July 24, 1839, after having accompanied George Thompson of England about the country and delivered lectures on slavery, he was installed pastor of the church that worshipped in Marlboro' Chapel, Boston. In 1841 he became City Missionary and March 2, 1842, pastor of Maverick Street Church, East Boston. The east winds being injurious to him, he removed in 1845 to New York and became Corresponding Secretary of the American and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society. He spent the winter of 1846 and 7 in the West India Islands. He died of consumption, in Roxbury, July 30, 1847, aged 43 years.

He was a man of great industry and perseverance. His writings on the subject of slavery were voluminous. His book on the Sabbath was a work of merit. He was a man of unblemished morals and died in peace.

Houlton, Maine January 24, 1833

Rev. Samuel P. Abbot graduated at Bowdoin in 1836, at Andover in 1840, and was ordained July 15, 1841. He continued here three or four years and then became a teacher in Farmington, Me., where he died June 29, 1849, aged 34 years.

Hubbardton, Vermont 1782

Rev. Sherman Kellogg, 1819-23

Rev. Horatio Flagg, 1828-34 (See Colerain)

Hubbardston, Mass. February 14, 1770

Rev. Nehemiah Parker of Shrewsbury graduated at Harvard in 1763 and was ordained June 13, 1770. He was dismissed June 16, 1800 and died August 20, 1801, aged 59 years.

He was respectable for his talents, prudent and circumspect in his deportment, and his ministry was characterized by harmony and good feeling.

Rev. David Kendall of Athol graduated at Harvard in 1794, engaged in teaching some years, and was ordained October 20, 1802. He was dismissed in April, 1809. He was installed

pastor of a church in Augusta, N.Y., where he died February 19, 1853, aged 85 years.

Rev. Samuel Gay of Dedham graduated at Harvard in 1805, studied theology with Dr. Lathrop of West Springfield and was ordained October 16, 1810. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Mr. Chickering of Dedham. In 1827 the society refused to sustain him, but he remained pastor of the church and an orthodox society was soon formed. In 1841, not being dependent on his salary for support and circumstances occurring which seemed adverse to his continued usefulness, he resigned his pastoral charge. As a Christian he was sincere, uniform and exemplary. He was better acquainted with the Bible than with commentaries; his sermons were plain; his manner solemn, earnest and affectionate. He fell dead while at work in the field, October 16, 1848, aged 64 years.

The church withdrew from the parish about 1826 and, a new society having been formed, erected a new house.

Hudson, N.H. November 30, 1737

Rev. Nathaniel Merrill of Newbury, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1732 and was ordained the day the church was organized. His civil contract was dissolved in 1774, but he retained his pastoral relation to the church till he died in 1796, aged 83 years.

Rev. Jabez P. Fisher 1796-1801(See Boothbay)

A Presbyterian church was organized in this town in 1771. Its only pastor was

Rev. John Strickland, 1774-92(See Oakham)

In 1816 the Congregational and Presbyterian churches united and became a Presbyterian church.

Rev. William K. Talbot 1825-30

In 1841 the church became Congregational.

Rev. William Page graduated at Gilmanton Seminary in 1838 and at Andover in 1839. He was ordained as an evangelist at Dracut in November, 1840 and preached there as stated supply two or three years. He was installed pastor of this church August 19, 1844 and was dis-

missed June 28, 1852. He then preached as stated supply at Salem eight years; and then at Bath. He died of typhoid fever at Atkinson, October 18, 1861, aged 53 years. He married Phoebe Grover of Atkinson and had two daughters. He was a judicious, calm and sober man.

Hull, Mass. July, 1644

Rev. Zachariah Whitman graduated at Harvard in 1668 and was ordained September 13, 1670. He continued in office till he died, November 5, 1726, aged 82 years. He is described by one writer as follows:-

"Vir pius, humilis, orthodoxus,
et uti agrimus".

His son Samuel was pastor of the church in Farmington, Ct. Rev. Marmaduke Matthews preached here some time previous to the settlement of Mr. Whitman.

Rev. Ezra Carpenter of Rehoboth graduated at Harvard in 1720 and was ordained in 1725. He was dismissed in 1750 and was installed pastor of the united churches of

Swanzey and Keene, N.H. October 4, 1753. In 1760 the union of the two churches was dissolved and he remained pastor of the Swanzey church till 1769. He died at Walpole, N.H. August 26, 1785, aged 86 years. He was orthodox in doctrine and sustained an irreproachable character.

Rev. Samuel Veazie 1753-67(See Duxbury)

Huntington, Mass. 1781

This town was called Norwich until 1855.

Rev. Stephen Tracy, 1781-99(See Paris)

Rev. Benjamin R. Woodbridge of South Hadley graduated at Dartmouth in 1795 and was ordained October 17, 1799. He was dismissed June 28, 1831 and removed to South Hadley, where he died instantly while sitting in his chair, in 1844, aged 70 years. He was never married.

Rev. Samuel Russell 1832-33(See Boylston)

Huntington, Mass. Second Ch.(Chester Village)
August 26, 1846

Huntington, Ct. February 12, 1724

It originally included two parishes, Ripton and New Stratford; the former is now Huntington and the latter Monroe.

Rev. Jedediah Mills of Windsor graduated at Yale in 1722 and was ordained in 1724. He continued in office till he died in 1776, aged about 75 years. He was a friend of Whitefield and Brainerd. He published a"Vindication of Gospel Truth and an Inquiry concerning the State of the Unregenerate under the Gospel".* David Brainerd studied with him after he was expelled from college.

Rev. David Ely of Lyme graduated at Yale in 1769 and was ordained colleague with Mr. Mills October 27, 1773. He continued in office till he died, February 16, 1816, aged 77 years. He was for many years a trustee of Yale College and received from it the degree of D.D. in 1808. He married Hepsa Mills, the granddaughter of his predecessor, by whom he had five children. He fitted about 100

* The writer of these biographies gave only a part of the title of this book or pamphlet. That given above is taken from Dr. Dexter's Yale Annals.

young men for college.

He was a man of great prudence and a wise counsellor. He was an interesting preacher, though he made no pretension to a graceful diction or oratory.

Rev. Thomas F. Davies 1817-18(See Westport)

Rev. Thomas Punderson of New Haven graduated at Yale in 1804, studied theology with Dr. Dwight and was pastor of a church in Pittsfield, Mass. from October 26, 1809 to 1817, when the church of which he was pastor united with the First and he was dismissed. He was installed here the same year, was dismissed about 1844 and died in 1848, aged 64 years. He was an "Israelite in whom there was no guile"; a good minister, not ambitious except to be approved of his Master.

Hyde Park, Vermont 1834

Industry, Maine July 5, 1808

Rev. Alden Boynton of Wiscasset graduated at Bowdoin in 1825, commenced the study of law, but changing his views of life

entered the ministry, and was ordained pastor of this church October 17, 1832. He resigned on account of ill health and returned to his native place, where he died December 25, 1858, aged 53 years. He was a man of marked meekness and unostentatious in his life and labors.

Ipswich, Mass. 1634

This church is distinguished for having had both a pastor and teacher for 110 years. The early records of the church are lost.

Rev. Thomas Parker, the first minister, was born in Wiltshire, England and graduated at Oxford in 1618. He studied theology with Drs. Usher and Ames. At the age of 22 he wrote a thesis that was published anonymously, but was attributed to Dr. Ames. He refused to declare himself the author of it in order, as he said, to "chastise the vanity of his mind". He came to New England in 1634 and was very soon settled at Ipswich. In 1635 he was dismissed to become pastor of the church at Newbury, where he continued till his decease in 1677, in the 82nd. year of his age.

He devoted much time in his old age to the study of the prophecies and wrote several manuscript volumes in Latin. He published in English a commentary on Daniel. He was a man of great charity and not so violently opposed to Episcopacy as some of his cotemporaries were. Charles Chauncey criticised some of his writings on that subject with a severity that produced a lasting alienation between them. He was never married. By hard study he injured his eye sight. For a year and a half before his death his tongue was palsied, which took from his the power of speech.

Rev. Nathaniel Ward was born at Ipswich, England and graduated at Cambridge. He studied and practiced law, and afterward traveled on the continent and was persuaded by the learned Pareus of Heidelberg to become a preacher. He was ordained at Standon, but was suspended from the ministry for nonconformity. He came to this country in 1634 and was settled at Ipswich. He was dismissed February 20, 1637 in consequence of ill health. He continued to reside at Ipswich and

preached occasionally. In consequence of his having been a lawyer and having leisure, he was appointed by the General Court to draw up a code of laws for the consideration of the freemen, which he completed in 1639. In 1641 he preached the Election sermon, having been chosen by the freemen, without consulting the Governor and Deputy, which was deemed irregular. In that discourse he said some things that savored more of liberty and toleration than the magistrates approved. In 1648 he returned to England, was settled in the ministry but died in 1653, aged 83 years.

He was the author of a satirical and humorous work entitled "The Simple Cobbler of Agawam". He was full of wit and sarcasm and many have the impression that he could not have been a warm hearted Christian. There is no evidence that he used his wit for any other purpose than to make follies and vices disreputable. His preaching was serious and solemn. Rev. Thomas Bracey, who came to Ipswich in 1635, is supposed to have assisted him in his ministerial work. It is not known that he was settled.

He returned to England.

Rev. Nathaniel Rogers, a great-grandson of John Rogers, who was burned at Smithfield, was ordained the day Mr. Ward was dismissed. He was born at Haverhill, England, and graduated at Cambridge University. He became pious in early childhood and began to preach in January, 1619. He was a lively preacher and his holy living gave much power to his utterances from the pulpit. While at Assington his church was crowded every Lord's Day, and many ungodly persons were converted and many sorrowful ones comfotted. Refusing to conform to the service required by law, he came to this country. He arrived at Boston November, 1636, after a tedious voyage of 24 weeks. He preached a while at Dorchester and was then ordained at Ipswich, on which occasion he preached from Second Corinthians, 2-16 a sermon so judicious and accurate that it filled the hearers with admiration. Cotton Mather says he was one of the greatest men that ever set his foot on the American strand; he was

one of the best ministers in the best days of New England. He was troubled with spitting blood and was sometimes melancholy. In 1655 an epidemic cough prevailed in New England, of which Mr. Rogers died suddenly, July 3, aged 57 years. He left an estate of twelve hundred pounds. He had five sons and one daughter. He divided his property equally between them, gave five pounds to Harvard College and three pounds to the poor.

Rev. John Norton 1638-52 (See Boston)

Rev. Thomas Cobbett 1656-85 (See Lynn)

Rev. William Hubbard was son of Mr. William Hubbard, who came to this country in 1630 and settled in Ipswich. He was born in England in 1621 and graduated at Harvard in 1642. He was ordained in 1656. During the early part of his ministry, Mr. Cobbett being in full vigor, he had considerable leisure, which he devoted to the study of History. His first historical work was a narration of troubles with the Indians, which was published in England in 1676 and 7, which was followed by a supplement. In 1680 his History of New England was completed and submitted to the General Court

for their approval and for assistance. A committee was appointed to examine it which reported in October, 1682. It took them thus long, it was said, because the chirography was so bad. The book was approved and a grant of fifty pounds made to the author, on condition that he should transcribe it fairly. It was not published till 1815, when it came out under the auspices of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

An Englishman who visited this country in 1686 described Mr. Hubbard as a learned man, "of singular modesty", of strict morals, and as having done as much as most men for the conversion of the Indians. In 1688 he was appointed by Sir Edmond Andros temporary President of Harvard College. He was one of the seventeen ministers that opposed the settlement of Davenport at Boston. Elliot says: "He was for many years the most eminent minister in Essex County, equal to any in the province for learning and candor and superior to any as a writer." He published several sermons. In 1703 he gave up all ministerial labor and the parish gave him sixty pounds. He died September 14, 1704, aged 83 years. He had a

large patrimony, yet he expended this and his salary in the support of his family and in the duties of beneficence. He was a laborious man and faithful in the performance of all his duties. He was twice married and had two sons and one daughter.

Rev. John Rogers, son of Rev. Nathaniel Rogers, was born in England and came to America with his father. He graduated at Harvard and was ordained in 1656 when Mr. Hubbard was. The church then had three ministers. Mr. Rogers took charge of the Thursday lecture and as his labors were light his salary was small. In 1676 he was chosen President of Harvard College, which office he declined. After the death of President Oakes in 1682 he was again elected and accepted. He was inaugurated August 12, 1683 and died suddenly July 12, 1684, the day after commencement, aged 54 years.

He is said to have been a man of very amiable disposition. His piety, set off with the accomplishments of a gentleman, was like a gem set in gold. He was something of a poet. He was a physician and practiced medicine, which

was the reason of his not taking upon himself a larger amount of ministerial labor. His wife lived till 1723. They had six children.

Rev. John Dennison, grandson of Gen. Daniel Dennison and nephew of Rev. John Rogers, graduated in 1684 at the only commencement at which President Rogers presided. He was not ordained, but was hired to assist Mr. Hubbard one-fourth of the time. He died in 1689, aged 24 years. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Nathaniel Saltonstall.

Rev. John Rogers, son of the President, graduated at Harvard in 1684 at the only commencement at which his father presided. He was ordained pastor in October, 1692. Such was the strength of his mind, the amount of his acquisitions in learning and in theology, such the preeminence of his piety and persevering labors in the ministry, that he held a high rank in the estimation of the people and of the public. He died of paralysis December 28, 1745, aged 80 years. His parishioners voted two hundred pounds, old tenor, to defray the expenses

of his funeral. His old age was not infirm and decrepid, but robust, active and useful, whereby he was able to labor in word and doctrine to the last and died with his armor on.

Rev. Jabez Fitch, son of Rev. James Fitch of Norwich, Ct., graduated at Harvard in 1694 and was elected Tutor and Fellow of the college. He was ordained at Ipswich October 24, 1703. The salary was not definitely fixed previous to his settlement, and not being finally fixed to his liking, he became cool in his attachments to them and sought for another place. In August, 1724 he received a call to Portsmouth, N.H., was dismissed November 17, installed at Portsmouth the next summer, and died of a nervous fever November 22, 1746, in the 75th. year of his age.

He published four or five sermons; he was a man of strong mind, richly stored with learning; he was a benevolent and faithful minister. He collected many facts in regard to the early history of New Hampshire, which were of much assistance to Dr. Belknap. He married Elizabeth Appleton of Ipswich, by whom he had four daughters and one son.

Rev. Nathaniel Rogers, son of Rev. John Rogers

and grandson of the President, graduated at Harvard in 1721 and was ordained October 18, 1727. His call was on condition that he would settle on Congregational principles as specified in the Platform*. His father objected on the ground that the annexing of such a condition was unprecedented. It appears to have been required by the church because the young ministers desired to abolish the office of Ruling Elder.

He was a friend of the great revival in 1740 and signed the testimony in favor of it. He refused to have a colleague whose acts had shown that he did not agree with him on that subject. It produced considerable excitement, but he stood firm. In 1764 he was severely sick. He died May 10, 1775, aged 73 years. He was a man of superior intellect and of devoted piety. He endeavored to have a conscience void of offense and was a son of consolation to the afflicted.

Rev. Timothy Symmes was a native of Scituate and graduated at Harvard in 1733. He was ordained at Millington, a parish in East Haddam, Ct., December 2, 1736, but his zeal in the great revival

* This evidently refers to the Cambridge Platform.

in that place in 1742 provoked an opposition that resulted in his dismission. He came to Ipswich in 1752 and was a faithful laborer in the vineyard till he died, April 6, 1756, in his 41st. year.

Rev. Levi Frisbie of Branford, Ct., graduated at Dartmouth in 1771 and was ordained the next year at Hanover, N.H. as missionary to the Muskingum Indians. He was installed here February 7, 1776 and continued in office till he died, February 25, 1806, aged 58 years. He was obliged to relinquish his missionary enterprise in consequence of the disturbed state of the country. For thirty years he was unexceptionable evangelical pastor of this church. He gave himself to his work with a prayerful dependence on divine help.

Rev. David T. Kimball of Bradford graduated at Harvard in 1803, studied theology with Rev. Mr. French of Andover, and was ordained October 8, 1806. He continued in office till he died, February 3, 1860, in the 78th. year of his age. His disease was lung fever. He was a well read theologian, a good pastor and much beloved by

all that knew him.

Ipswich, Mass. South Church July 22, 1747

This was composed originally of persons that seceded from the old church because they would not settle as a colleague of Mr. Rogers a man opposed to the Great Awakening.

Rev. John Walley graduated at Harvard in 1734, and was son of Hon. John Walley of Boston. He was ordained November 4, 1747. He was opposed to Ruling Elders. He was a man of feeble health and in answering the call that was given him declined preaching a Thursday lecture. Having been unable to perform his duties for some time he asked a dismission, which was granted February 22, 1764. He preached afterwards at Bolton, but removed to Roxbury, where he died March 2, 1784, aged 68 years. He had a light complexion and was much pitted with the small pox. He possessed a good mind and was an eloquent writer and speaker.

Rev. Joseph Dana of Pomfret, Ct., who graduated at Yale College in 1760, was ordained November 5, 1765. In 1801 the degree of D.D. was conferred upon him by Harvard College. He

published more than twenty sermons.

He was quick and active in his movements, his voice not strong but clear, and accompanied by an attractive fervor. He was kind in his manners, accessible and gentlemanly. His intellectual endowments were of a high order. His style of writing was strong, lucid and sententious. His piety was the same everywhere and at all times, bearing the impress of the Holy Spirit. He was a devoted and good man. He was three times married. He died of lung fever November 16, 1827, aged 85 years. He had three children by his first wife and five by his second. Rev. Daniel Dana, D.D. of Newburyport was his son.

Ipswich, Mass. Linebrook November 15, 1749

Rev. George Lesslie was ordained the day the church was organized. He was born in Scotland, came over with his father when two years old, and lived in Topsfield. He graduated at Harvard in 1748 and studied theology with Rev. John Emerson. He was dismissed November 30, 1779, on account of the smallness of the salary. His parish was very small. He afterwards settled at Washington, N.H.,

where he died September 11, 1800, aged 72 years. He was a good scholar, fitted many young men for college and had some students in theology. He published two sermons.

Rev. Gilbert Tennant Williams, son of Rev. Simon Williams of Windham, N.H., graduated at Dartmouth in 1784 and was ordained in August, 1788. He was dismissed May 6, 1813 because the society were unable to give him a competent support. His farewell sermon was published. He was installed at West Newbury June 1, 1814 and was obliged to desist from his labors in September, 1821 in consequence of an attack of paralysis. He died at Framingham September 24, 1824, aged 63 years. He studied theology with Rev. Mr. Murray of Newburyport.

Rev. David Tullar of Simsbury, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1774, was settled over the Second Church in Milford, Ct. from 1780 to 1803, and at Rowley, Mass. from 1803 to 1810. He then preached a while in Vermont and at Caledonia, N.Y., after which he was pastor of this church from 1823 to 1831. He died at Sheffield August

23, 1839, aged 90 years.

Rev. Moses Welch 1831-34

Irasburgh, Vt. Jan'y 28, 1818

Rev. James Johnson, 1839-49(See St. Johnsbury)

Rev. Joel Fisk of Waitsfield graduated at Middlebury in 1825, studied theology with Rev. Charles Walker, D.D., and was pastor of the church in Monkton from 1826 to 1830. He was at New Haven from 1830 to 1832, at Essex, N.Y. from 1832 to 1844, at Phillipsburgh, C.E. from 1845 to 1850, and was installed pastor of this church March 26, 1850. He was dismissed October 9, 1854 and died at Plainfield, December 16, 1856, aged 60 years. He was a successful laborer and a man of active and devoted piety.

Isle au Haut, Maine April 7, 1857

Jackson, Maine October 6, 1812.

This church includes the Congregationalists in Brooks, an adjoining town.

Rev. Henry White 1825-28 (See Louden)

Jaffrey, N.H. May 13, 1780

Rev. Laban Ainsworth of Woodstock, Ct. graduated at Dartmouth in 1778 and was ordained December 10, 1782. He continued in office till he died, March 18, 1858, aged 100 years and 8 months, having sustained the pastoral office more than 75 years. He studied theology with Dr. West of Stockbridge, Mass. He was of the Hopkinsian school in theology and was a man of more than ordinary talent. Not having the use of his right hand, he wrote but little. His sermons were mostly extemporaneous. His language was habitually elegant and impressive. He had a colleague in 1832 and performed no public service for nearly twenty years previous to his death.

Jaffrey, N.H. East January 9, 1850

Jamaica, Vt.

Rev. John Stoddard was ordained pastor of this church in November, 1794 and was dismissed in 1798. In 1801 he was preaching in Washington, N.H.

Rev. Philip Spaulding 1815-29 (See Penobscot)

Jefferson, Maine, 1844

Jericho, Vt. 1791

Rev. Ebenezer Kingsbury of Coventry, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1783 and was ordained June 22, 1791. He was dismissed May, 1808. He was afterwards employed as a missionary in Pennsylvania and New York a part of each year for several years. He had a pastoral charge in the meantime at Harford, Pa., where he died March 22, 1842, aged 79 years. He married a daughter of Rev. Noah Williston of Orange, Ct. He was a successful minister.

Rev. John Denison, not a graduate of any college, was ordained February 18, 1809 and died March 28, 1812.

Rev. Joseph Labaree 1814-19

Rev. Luther P. Blodgett 1819-27 (See Rochester)

Johnson, Vt.

Rev. John Scott of Yorkshire, England, was not a graduate of any college. He studied theology with Rev. Willard Preston, D.D. and was pastor of the church in Enosburgh from 1829 to 1834, and of this church from 1836 to 1838.

Jonesborough, Maine April 24, 1840

Keene, N.H. October 13, 1738

Rev. Jacob Bacon of Wrentham (Mass.) graduated at Harvard in 1731 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He left in April, 1747, the settlement being broken up by the Indians. He was installed at Plymouth, Mass. in 1749, and was dismissed in 1776 in consequence of the feebleness of the society. He preached a while at Carver and then removed to Rowley, where he died in 1787 in the 81st. year of his age. He was a good man and much respected.

When the town was rebuilt the people united with those in Swanzey and settled a minister.

Rev. Ezra Carpenter 1753-60 (See Hull)

Rev. Clement Sumner of Hebron, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1758 and was ordained June 11, 1761. The church was reorganized at the time of its separation from Swanzey and consisted of 14 members. Mr. Sumner was free from great faults, but his virtues were of a

negative kind. He was dismissed April 30, 1772 on account, it is said, of the misconduct of his children. They must have been very young. He was never re-settled. He preached in Thetford, Vt. and elsewhere and died in Keene March 29, 1795, aged 62 years.

Rev. Aaron Hall, son of Rev. Samuel Hall of Cheshire, Ct., graduated at Yale in 1772 and was ordained February 18, 1778. He made the abolishing of the Half-Way Covenant a condition of his settlement. His ministry was peaceful and prosperous. He died much lamented, August 12, 1814, in the 63rd. year of his age.

Kenduskeag, Maine December 23, 1834

Kennebunk, Maine 1750

This was the North Parish of Wells till 1820, when it became a town.

Rev. Daniel Little of Newbury, Mass. was not a graduate of any college. He received the honorary degree of A.M. from Harvard in 1766. He was ordained pastor of this church March 27, 1750 and continued in office till he died, in October, 1801, aged

77 years.

He was an Arminian in doctrine, studied theology with Rev. Joseph Moodey of York, and was beloved for his kind, affectionate and dignified deportment. He married (1) Mary, daughter of Rev. Joseph Emerson of Malden, Mass., by whom he had four children; and (2) Sarah Coffin of Newbury, by whom he had seven children.

Rev. Nathaniel H. Fletcher of Boxboro, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1793 and was ordained September 3, 1800 colleague with Mr. Little. He resigned April 1, 1828 in consequence of the prevalence of Unitarianism in his church and congregation. He removed to Boxboro, his native place, where he died September 4, 1834, aged about 64 years. He published one sermon. This church became Unitarian.

Kennebunk, Maine, Union Church, August 15, 1826

Rev. Daniel Campbell of Lebanon, N.H. graduated at Dartmouth in 1801 and was ordained pastor of this church in 1827. He remained only one year. He was installed at Orford, N.H. in 1833 and continued in office till he died very suddenly, October 1, 1849, aged 70 years. He

bequeathed $20,000 to benevolent purposes.

Kennebunkport, Maine, November 1, 1730

This was called Arundel till 1820.

Rev. Thomas Prentice of Cambridge graduated at Harvard in 1726 and was ordained at the time the church was organized. In 1737 the inhabitants were dispersed by the Indians, the church broken up, and he returned to Cambridge. He was installed pastor of the church in Charlestown, Mass., October 13, 1739 and continued in office till he died, January 17, 1782, aged 80 years. After the burning of Charlestown in 1775 his congregation was scattered and he retired to Cambridge, residing in the house in which he was born till he died. He was an energetic speaker. He published four sermons. He was thrice married: (1) to Miss Emery, daughter of Rev. Mr. Emery of Wells, by whom he had three children; (2) to Miss Austin of Charlestown, by whom he had one child; and (3) to Widow Mary Butman of York.

Rev. John Hovey of Newbury, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1725 and was ordained in Sep-

tember, 1741. He was dismissed in June, 1768 and died in 1773, aged about 70 years.

Rev. Silas Moody, a lineal descendant of William Moody who settled in Newbury, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1761 and was ordained January 9, 1771. He continued in office till he died, April, 1816, aged 74 years. He was an excellent minister. He published a sermon on the death of Washington.

Rev. George Payson of Pomfret, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1812, at Andover in 1815, and was ordained in July, 1816. He was dismissed in July, 1820, and died in 1823.

Rev. Joseph P. Fessenden 1820-29(See Bridgton)

Rev. Cephas H. Kent 1830-32

Rev. Levi Smith of Kent, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1818, studied theology at New Haven and was ordained at Wayland, Mass. January 21, 1829. He was dismissed November 26, 1832 and installed at Kennebunkport, Me. December 20 of the same year. He was dismissed again January 10, 1838 and May 6, 1840 was installed pastor of the first church in South Windsor, Ct. He continued there six

or eight years; he preached in Palmer, Mass. and other places as stated supply. He died at East Windsor January 15, 1854, aged 64 years.

Mr. Smith, before he settled at Wayland, preached as an evangelist. He was a man of great wisdom and discretion and his labors were crowned with success. In his last sickness he enjoyed in a high degree the consolations of that religion he had preached to others.

Rev. John Baker 1849-56 (See Monson)

Kensington, N.H. October, 1737

Rev. Jeremiah Fogg of Hampton graduated at Harvard in 1730 and was ordained November 20, 1737. He continued in office till he died, December, 1789, in the 78th. year of his age. About a year before he died some of his church accused him of heresy in regard to the character of Christ, and on the subject of justification. The council, however, did not condemn him. It appears that he was fond of debate and was in the habit of advocating either side of a question,

and had argued against the divinity of Christ and had made some imprudent remarks, but his written sermons were sound in doctrine. Another account of the matter is that the charge was sustained by full testimony and that he was condemned by the council.

Rev. Naphtali Shaw of North Bridgewater, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1790 and was ordained January 30, 1793. He was dismissed January 13, 1813 in consequence of ill health. He removed to Bradford and devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits and to religious reading, meditation and prayer. He died October 14, 1853, aged 89 years. All that knew him rise up and call him blessed. He married Mary Crafts of Bridgewater, Mass. and had four children.

Rev. Nathaniel Kennedy of Ireland was installed January 13, 1813 and dismissed July 1, 1816. He was pastor of the Presbyterian church from 1809 to 1812. After leaving Kensington he went to Philadelphia and was engaged in teaching many years. He died in 1843. This church is now Unitarian.

Kent, Ct. April 29, 1741

Rev. Cyrus Marsh of Plainfield graduated

at Yale in 1739 and was ordained May 6, 1741. He was dismissed, December, 1755, and suspended from the ministry on account of immoralities. In 1766 he made a confession and was fully restored to his ministerial standing. He died in 1771, aged about 55 years.

Rev. Joel Bordwell of Deerfield, Mass. graduated at Yale in 1756, studied theology with Prof. Daggett of Yale and was ordained October 28, 1758. He continued in office till he died, December 6, 1811, aged 79 years. He married a sister of Rev. Rufus Wells of Whately, Mass. He was a good scholar, excelled in his knowledge of the languages, and fitted many young men for college. He was an earnest preacher and much beloved by his people. One of his daughters married Rev. Mr. Gelston of Sherman.

Rev. Asa Blair of Blandford, Mass. graduated at Yale in 1810, studied theology with Rev. E. Porter, D.D. of Washington, and was ordained May 26, 1813. He was a man of fair qualifications for the ministry, studious and devoted to his work, had the respect of his

people and the confidence of his clerical brethren. He died of pulmonary disease in January, 1823, aged 39 years.

Killingly, Ct. 1746

Rev. Nehemiah Barker graduated at Yale in 1742, was ordained in 1746 and dismissed in 1755. In 1756 he removed to Long Island and had charge of two churches, one at Southold and the other at Lower Aquebogue, till 1766; after that he confined his labors to the former parish till he died, March 10, 1772, aged 52 years. He married Elizabeth Chandler of Woodstock.

Rev. Eden Burroughs 1760-71 (See Hanover)

After the dismission of Mr. Burroughs the church was virtually dissolved.

Killingly, Ct. West Church August 25, 1801

Rev. Gordon Johnson of Farmington graduated at Williams College in 1798, studied theology with Dr. Emmons and was ordained December 12, 1804. He was dismissed January 18, 1809 and continued to reside here till he died, April 25, 1803, aged 56 years. He preached most of the time as stated supply in different places.

He was a man of good character though of moderate abilities. He married (1) Elizabeth Rawson of Milford, Mass; and (2) Luna Gillet, sister of Rev. Dr. Gillet of Maine. Rev. Nathaniel E. Johnson, once editor of New York Evangelist, author of a volume entitled "Household Consecration" and afterwards deposed from the ministry, was his son.

Rev. Roswell Whitmore of Ashford was not a graduate of any college. He was ordained pastor of this church January 13, 1813 and dismissed May 2, 1843. During his ministry he received 570 persons to the church. He afterward preached in Preston and at Dayville. He married Miss Avis Hutchins of Killingly and had two daughters. He died at Killingly April 2, 1861.

Killingly, Ct. South Church 1746

This was a part of the old church in Killingly, which is now in East Putnam. It was composed of friends of the Great Awakening, who withdrew from its opposers.

Rev. Samuel Wadsworth of Milton, Mass., not a graduate of any college, while resident

in Canterbury was a zealous friend of the Awakening and commenced preaching. He was ordained June 3, 1747. He was gifted in prayer and exhortation. He was earnest and useful. He died in office in 1762. He married (1) Mary Marsh; and (2) Elizabeth Warren, and had in all five children.

Rev. Eliphalet Wright came here from Mansfield; he was not an educated man. He was by trade a harness maker. He was ordained May 16, 1765 and supported himself chiefly by his original trade. He continued here till he died, a worthy and good man. He departed this life August 4, 1784, aged 55 years. He married (1) Lydia * and (2) Hannah Marsh, and had nine children. He published one sermon.

Rev. Israel Day of Attleborough, Mass. came to this place and taught school, was converted and studied theology with Rev. E. Bradford of Rowley. He was ordained June 1, 1785, was dismissed in 1826 and died here December 10, 1831. He was a good man and much respected. His salary never exceeded $125. He married (1) Mary Wilson of Sterling and had four sons; and (2) Widow Zeruiah

* No last name given; possibly the two wives were sisters.

Fuller of Windham.

Killingly, Ct. Dayville May 23, 1849

Killingworth, Ct. January 18, 1738.

This was until recently the Second Church; the first is now in the town of Clinton.

Rev. William Seward of Durham graduated at Yale in 1734 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He was a man of good natural abilities and, though he devoted a part of his time to manual labor, his acquisitions in learning were respectable. He preached without notes in the latter part of his life; his sermons always abounded in good sense. He died February 5, 1782, aged 69 years. He married the widow of Rev. Simeon Stoddard of Chester and had six children.

Rev. Henry Ely of Wilbraham, Mass. graduated at Yale in 1778 and was ordained September 25, 1782. He was dismissed February 12, 1801 and left the people in a state of discord and strife. He returned to Wilbraham, his native place, where he died in 1835.

Rev. Josiah B. Andrews of Southington

graduated at Yale in 1797 and was ordained April 21, 1802. He was dismissed in consequence of difficulties that could not otherwise be removed April 16, 1811. He received the degree of M.D. at New York in 1816 and it is supposed he practiced medicine. He died in 1853 aged about 77 years.

Rev. Asa King of Mansfield was not a graduate of any college. With an ardent desire to preach the Gospel he surmounted many obstacles, and was ordained pastor of the church in Pomfret May 5, 1802. He was dismissed in 1811 and installed pastor of this church in 1812. He continued here twenty years, and was installed at Westminster, a parish in Canterbury, January 23, 1833. He continued to supply the pulpit till 1848, when he relinquished his pastoral charge. He died December 2, 1849 in the 79th. year of his age. He was a good man and a successful minister. He was twice married; (1) to Lucinda Chapin of Springfield, Mass.; (2) to Miranda Kittridge.

Rev. Ephraim G. Swift 1833-52(See Stockbridge)

Kingfield, Maine October 3, 1819

Kingston, Mass. 1720

This was originally a parish of Plymouth called Jones' River.

Rev. Joseph Stacey of Cambridge graduated at Harvard in 1719 and was ordained in 1720. He continued in office till he died, April 25, 1741, in the 47th. year of his age.

Rev. Thaddeus McCarty* 1742-45 (See Worcester)

Rev. William Rand of Charlestown graduated at Harvard in 1721. He was settled at Sunderland May 20, 1724 and dismissed in 1745, on account of his opposition to the great revival. He was settled at Kingston the next year in the place of Mr. McCarty, who was dismissed for inviting Mr. Whitefield to preach in his pulpit. He continued here till he died of apoplexy, March 14, 1779, aged 79 years. He married Bridget Cook, by whom he had five children, one of whom, Mary, was the wife of Rev. Charles Turner of Duxbury.

Rev. Zephaniah Willis of Bridgewater graduated at Harvard in 1778, being then 21 years old, and was ordained October 18, 1780. He was dismissed March 18, 1828 and continued to reside in

* Spelled also Macarty.

the place till he died, March 6, 1847, aged 90 years.

Kingston, Mass. Trinitarian Church Mch. 19, 1828

Kingston, N.H. 1725

Rev. Ward Clark, youngest son of Rev. John Clark of Exeter, graduated at Harvard in 1723 and was ordained September 29, 1725. He continued there till he died May 6, 1737, aged 34 years. He married Mary Frost, by whom he had one child. The wife and child died in 1735. He was an active and very useful man. His salary was 90 pounds.

Rev. Joseph Seccomb of Medford, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1731 and was ordained November 23, 1737. He continued in office till he died, September 15, 1760, aged 54 years. This parish was not reached by the great revival. The Half-Way Covenant was in vogue. He was a learned and worthy man.

Rev. Amos Tappan of Newbury, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1758 and was ordained August 1, 1762. He died June 23, 1771, aged 35 years. He married Margaret Sanborn in 1770

and left an infant daughter that survived him but a few months.

Rev. Elihu Thayer of Braintree, Mass. graduated at Nassau Hall in 1769 and was ordained December 18, 1776. He continued in office till he died, April 3, 1812, aged 65 years. He received the degree of D.D. from Dartmouth in 1807 and a volume of his sermons was published after his decease. He was eminent for humility, zeal and fidelity in the cause of his Master; he was very much respected. In 1780 he was married to Miss Hannah Calef, by whom he had eleven children, ten of whom survived him.

Rev. John Turner of Randolph, Mass. graduated at Brown in 1788 and was pastor of the church in Alfred, Me. from September, 1791 to May, 1804, and of the Second Church in Biddeford, Me. from November, 1805 to December, 1817. He was installed pastor of this church January 1, 1818 and was dismissed May 1, 1823. He was a man of talent, of great resolution and of fine personal appearance, but was intemperate. He is said to have reformed after leaving Kingston and died at Dorchester, Mass.

September 29, 1839, aged 71 years. He married Lucy Sargeant of Gloucester.

Rev. Ora Pearson 1827-34 (See Barton)

Rev. Josiah L. Case graduated at Union College in 1836 and at Andover in 1839. He was ordained October 17, 1839, preached one Sabbath, was taken sick with a fever and died November 16, 1839.

Kingston, R.I. May 17, 1732.

Rev. Joseph Torrey graduated at Harvard in 1728 and was ordained by the council that organized the church. He continued in office till he died in 1792, aged 93 years. Three hundred acres of the best land in the town was set apart by the original purchasers of the town for the use of an orthodox minister. Mr. Torrey was for several years engaged in a law suit about this land; the case was at length decided in his favor.

Rev. Thomas Kendall 1802-18 (See Foxboro, Mass.)

This church became extinct after the removal of Mr. Kendall.

Kingston, R.I. New Church January 17, 1821

This is in a different part of the town.

Rev. Oliver Brown of Lynnfield, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1804, was licensed in 1805 and spent some years as chaplain of the State prison. He was then teacher of an academy in Charlestown, Mass. and was installed pastor of this church December 19, 1821. He was dismissed in April, 1835. He removed to Bozrahville, Ct., where he preached four years, and from thence to Grassy Hill parish in Lyme, where he remained till he died, February 8, 1853, aged 74 years.

Kirby, Vt. April 25, 1812

Kittery, Maine November 4, 1714.

Rev. John Newmarch graduated at Harvard in 1690 and commenced preaching at Kittery Point, opposite Portsmouth, in 1699, was married and hired from year to year till the church was organized, when he was ordained. He continued to preach till 1750, when he asked for a colleague. He died January 15, 1754, aged about 85 years.

Rev. Benjamin Stevens of Charlestown, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1740 and was ordained May 1, 1751. He continued in office till he died suddenly, May 18, 1791, aged 70 years. He married Mary Remington and had one child, a daughter, who became the wife of Rev. Dr. Buckminster of Portsmouth. He received the degree of D.D. from Harvard and published four sermons. He was an able minister, an exemplary Christian, and a modest and humble man.

Rev. Jonas Hartwell graduated at Dartmouth in 1787 and was pastor of this church from 1792 to 1798. His conduct was not such as honored his profession. It is not known when nor where he died.

Rev. William Briggs of Bridgewater, Mass. graduated at Brown in 1794 and was ordained in December, 1798. He was dismissed in 1814, at which time there was not a male member in the church. The elements at the communion were distributed by females.

Rev. Stephen Merrill 1831-39 (See Biddeford)

Kittery, Me. Second Ch. Sept. 19, 1750 (Now extinct)

Rev. Josiah Chase graduated at Harvard in 1738 and was ordained the day the church was organized. There was considerable religious excitement here soon after the great earthquake in 1755. Mr. Chase continued in office till he died suddenly December 10, 1778, aged about 62 years.

Rev. Joseph Litchfield of Scituate, Mass. graduated at Brown in 1773 and was ordained in July, 1782. He continued in office till he died, January 28, 1826, aged 76 years, and was the last minister. He married Hannah Salsbury of Providence, by whom he had four children. He was much respected.

Laconia, N.H. July 26, 1824

This is a new town formed from a part of Meredith. The village in which the church is located was called Meredith Bridge.

There was a church within the bounds of what is now Laconia which was organized August 30, 1792, had one pastor and became extinct.

Rev. Simon F. Williams, son of Rev. Simon Williams of Windham, graduated at Dart-

mouth in 1785 and was pastor of the church in Methuen, Mass. from December, 1786 to August, 1791. He was installed here November 28, 1792 and dismissed for unministerial and unchristian conduct in August, 1798. He died in 1800, aged 35 years.

Lakeville, Mass. October 6, 1725

This was the Second Parish of Middleborough till within a few years.

Rev. Benjamin Ruggles graduated at Yale in 1721 and is supposed to have been the son of Rev. Thomas Ruggles of Guilford, Ct. He was ordained the day the church was organized and, after continuing here about 30 years, he left without asking a dismission and was installed at New Braintree April 18, 1754. He continued there till he died of apoplexy, Sabbath morning, May 12, 1782, in the 82nd. year of his age.

Rev. Caleb Turner of Mansfield, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1758 and was ordained June 25, 1761. He continued in office till he died, September 11, 1803, aged 71 years.

Rev. Thomas Crafts of North Bridgewater

graduated at Harvard in 1783 and was ordained at Princeton June 28, 1786. In about three years his health failed and he was dismissed March 4, 1791. In about ten years he was able to preach and was installed pastor of this church November 18, 1801. He continued in office till he died, February 27, 1819, aged 61 years. He married a daughter of the Rev. Mr. Porter of North Bridgewater. He was a godly man and sound in doctrine.

Rev. John Shaw 1819-1834 (See Carver)

Lancaster, Mass. September, 1660

The oldest church in Worcester County.

Rev. Joseph Rowlandson, the first minister, was ordained the day the church was organized. He was a native of England, came to this country with his father, who took up his residence at Ipswich. He graduated at Harvard in 1652 and had no classmates; of course he received the highest honors. In his senior year he posted on the meeting house at Ipswich what was called a scandalous libel, was prosecuted and sentenced to be whipped or pay five pounds

in three weeks. It was an act of youthful indiscretion and not of malice. He wrote a confession and presented to the Court, whereupon a part of the fine was remitted. He preached at Lancaster about six years previous to his ordination.

February 10, 1676, Indians to the number of 1500 invaded the town and, after killing a number of persons, they directed their course to the house of Mr. Rowlandson, which was garrisoned only in front. There were 42 persons in the house, who defended themselves with great bravery for two hours, when the house was burned and they were forced to surrender. Only one escaped; the rest were either killed or taken prisoners. Mr. Rowlandson was in Boston and knew nothing of what had taken place till he returned to Lancaster the day after. Mrs. Rowlandson and the children, after being in captivity 11 weeks and 5 days, were redeemed by the ladies of Boston by the payment of twenty pounds. One child was killed a few days after the capture. The town was almost entirely deserted.

Mr. Rowlandson removed to Wethersfield, Ct. in May, 1677 and was ordained pastor of that church the same year; and died November 24, 1678, leaving a wife and three children. He was probably about 45 years old.

Rev. John Whiting, son of Rev. Samuel Whiting of Billerica, graduated at Harvard in 1685, began to preach at Lancaster in 1688, and was ordained, it is supposed, December 3, 1691. The town was attacked by Indians in 1692, in 1695, and again September 11, 1697, when Mr. Whiting, being at a distance from the garrison, was surprised and killed. The Indians offered to spare his life if he would surrender, but preferring death to captivity he fought boldly till he died. His age was 33 years. He married Alice Cook of Cambridge and had two children.

Rev. Andrew Gardner, son of Capt. Andrew Gardner of Brighton, who graduated at Harvard in 1696, began to preach here in 1701 and probably would have been ordained, but was accidentally shot October 26, 1704, aged 30 years.

Rev. John Prentice, a native of Newton, graduated at Harvard in 1700 and was ordained pastor March 29, 1708. The church and town were in great harmony during his ministry. In 1746 his health began to fail and he died, much lamented, January 6, 1748, in the 66th. year of his age. He is said to have possessed great dignity and severity of manners and to have been bold, direct and pointed in his style of preaching. God gave him the tongue of the learned and so he knew how to speak a word unto him that was weary. He married (1) Mary, the widow of his predecessor, and had six children; (2) Widow Prudence Swan and had four children.

Rev. Timothy Harrington, a native of Waltham who graduated at Harvard in 1737, was installed November 16, 1748,- sermon by Rev. John Hancock of Lexington, which was printed. He had been previously settled at Swanzey, N.H., but that town was destroyed by Indians April 2, 1747. His salary was four hundred and eighty pounds, old tenor, or in silver $213. Mr. Harrington was an Arminian, but most of his

church were Calvinists. During his ministry a new hymn book was introduced into the churches which was the occasion of much trouble. Some members of the church absented themselves from the communion, because the new version was not introduced in a regular way, and because the composers of it had departed too far from scripture language. Many ministers in those days, on account of their Arminianism and for introducing some reform in church music, were dismissed. Mr. Harrington lived through the storm; his popularity among his people was very great. It ought, however, to be said that Mr. Harrington did not pursue an open and manly course. He sometimes acted contrary to his sentiments for the sake of securing the good will of his people.

After being infirm and feeble for some time, Mr. Harrington died December 18, 1795, in the 80th. year of his age. He printed several occasional sermons. He was twice married.

Rev. Nathaniel Thayer, son of Rev. Ebenezer Thayer of Hampton, N.H., graduated

at Harvard in 1789 and was ordained October 9, 1793. He died at Rochester, N.Y., June 23, 1840, while journeying for his health, aged 71 years. He was a man much respected for his talents, character and acquirements. He received the degree of D.D. from Harvard in 1817. He became a Unitarian.

Lancaster, Mass. Evangelical Church May 22, 1839

Rev. Charles Packard, son of Rev. Hezekiah Packard, D.D., was born in Chelmsford April 12, 1801. He graduated at Bowdoin College in 1817, taught school five years, practiced law eleven years in Brunswick, Me., became pious, graduated at Andover in 1837, and preached three years at Hamilton, Ohio. He was pastor of this church from January, 1840 to 1854. He preached at Cambridge Port and North Middleborough about three years and was then pastor of the church in Biddeford, Me. from June, 1857 till he died, February 17, 1864, in the 63rd. year of his age. He was a strong man and a good minister.

Lancaster, N.H. July 17, 1794

Rev. Joseph Willard, son of Rev. Dr. Willard of Stafford, Ct., graduated at Harvard in 1784 and was pastor of the church in North Wilbraham, Mass. from May, 1787 to February, 1794. He was installed pastor of this church September 18, 1794 and resigned October 6, 1822. He died here July 22, 1827, aged 66 years. Salary, 80 pounds.

Rev. James R. Wheelock of Hanover graduated at Dartmouth in 1807. He was a grandson of the first president of the college. He studied law and afterwards theology. He was first pastor of the church in Newport, December 1818 to February, 1823. He was installed here January 28, 1824 and dismissed January, 1825. He was pastor at Canterbury, Ct. from December, 1827 to April, 1829, was agent of the Home Missionary Society for a time, went to Indiana as a missionary and returned in 1836 with impaired health. He was settled in Barre, Vt., but was broken up by afflictions which injured his mental powers. He died in Boston, November 26, 1841, aged 51 years. He was twice married,

first to a Miss Bass of Middlebury, Vt., by whom he had five or six children. She died at the West. Just before he died he wrote and published a long article on Marriage.

Rev. Luke A. Spofford 1829-31(See Canterbury)

Lanesborough, Mass. March 28, 1764.

Rev. Daniel Collins of Guilford, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1760, studied theology with Dr. Bellamy, and was ordained April 17, 1764. Sound in judgment, his counsel was often sought in cases of difficulty by churches in the vicinity and at a distance. He was a man of dignified manners and exemplary piety; he was affable, hospitable and benevolent.

He was one of the first trustees of Williams College. In 1812, in consequence of infirmity, he had a colleague. The third colleague was ordained previous to his death, which occurred August 26, 1822, when he was in the 84th. year of his age. Rev. Dr. Porter, late of Catskill, married his daughter. His son Daniel, a physician, graduated at Williams

College.

Rev. John DeWitt of Catskill, N.Y. graduated at Nassau Hall in 1809, studied theology with Dr. Porter of his native place, and was ordained July 8, 1812 colleague pastor. He resigned December 8, 1813 and accepted a call from a Dutch Reformed Church in Albany. After a few years he was appointed to a professorship in the theological seminary at New Brunswick, where he died October 12, 1831, aged 42 years.

Rev. Noah Sheldon of Middlefield graduated at Williams College in 1815, studied theology with Rev. Jonathan Burr of Sandwich, and was ordained colleague with Mr. Collins July 15, 1818. He was dismissed on account of ill health May 2, 1827 and taught school in Stockbridge several years, where he died May 14, 1856, aged 56 years. He married Miss Smedley of Williamstown, by whom he had several children. Two of his sons graduated in 1847 and his daughter married Rev. W. Bond of St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

Rev. Henry B. Hooker 1827-1836

Rev. Russel S. Cook of Lenox was not a graduate of any college. He received a good academic education, studied theology, and was ordained pastor of this church January 13, 1837, and was dismissed near the close of 1838 on account of ill health. He went into the service of the American Tract Society as a distributor of the bound volumes; was so successful that he became one of the secretaries of the society, having charge of the colporteurs' work. His health became poor, partly from severe labor and partly from the anxiety occasioned by the anti-slavery troubles of the society. He resigned his place, went to Europe and spent the last years of his life in efforts to promote a better observance of the Sabbath.

He received the honorary degree of A.M. from Williams College in 1838. He was an ardent man and withal judicious, an eloquent speaker and much respected. He died at Poughkeepsie September 11, 1864.

Rev. Edward J. Brace, son of Rev. Dr. Brace

of Newington, Ct., graduated at Yale in 1837 and was ordained in December, 1844. His ministry was short; he died of consumption at Pittsfield, September 22, 1845, aged 31 years.

Rev. Martyn Tupper 1850-53

Rev. Chauncey Eddy was born in Middle Haddam, Ct. in 1796. He was for a time a member of Williams College, and graduated at Andover in 1821. He offered himself to the American Board for the Syrian Mission and was accepted. The failure of his health obliged him to abandon his purpose. He spent some time in North Carolina in the pursuit of health, was settled at Penn Yan, N.Y. in 1824, and in 1830 was appointed agent of the American Board, in which office he continued fifteen years. He was a very successful agent; he was full in the belief that he that watereth shall be watered. He was obliged by a failure of health to relinquish his agency. He preached at Jacksonville, Ill., at Hudson, Ohio, and was pastor of this church from 1853 to 1856. His son William is a missionary in Turkey. In 1857 he visited

his son in Syria. He died at Beloit, of apoplexy, January 7, 1861, aged 64 years.

Langdon, N.H. 1792

Rev. Abner Kneeland was the ordained pastor of this church from 1805 to 1811? It will be a matter of surprise to those who have heard only of his infidelity to learn that he was once a Congregational minister and fellowshipped as such by ministers of New England. He commenced his career as a Baptist minister and finally became a bold and daring infidel. He died in Missouri about 1840.

In 1820 the church was reorganized and has gradually increased in strength. The blight caused by Kneeland's labors is passing away.

Rev. Andrew Jaquith, born in Ashby, Mass. March 7, 1816. He fitted for college but the death of his father changed his purpose and he engaged in other business. He was finally licensed to preach in 1858 and ordained as an evangelist April 25, 1860 in Langdon, and preached as stated supply till he died August 27, 1864, aged 48. He was a good man. He married Abby G.

Warren of Ashby, Mass. and had two sons; one of them died of a wound in the army.

Lawrence, Mass. 1st. Church April 9, 1847

Lawrence, Mass. Central Church Dec. 25, 1849

Lebanon, N.H. September 27, 1768.

Rev. Isaiah Potter of Plymouth, Ct., graduated at Yale in 1787 and was ordained in August, 1772. He was a man of respectable talents and sustained the reputation of an able, pious and faithful minister. He was in easy circumstances and had an amiable family, but was subject to very painful fits of mental depression. He gave up preaching in 1816 and in August, 1817 put an end to his own life, being 71 years old. He studied theology with Dr. Smalley of Berlin, Ct.

Rev. Calvin Cutler of Guildhall, Vt. graduated at Dartmouth in 1819 and was ordained November 6, 1823. He continued here about five years and was installed at Windham in April, 1828, where he died in 1844, aged 53 years. He was an able and faithful minister.

Rev. Phineas Cooke 1829-48 (See Acworth)

Lebanon, N.H. West October, 1849

Lebanon, Ct. November 27, 1700

Rev. Joseph Parsons of Northampton, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1697 and was pastor of this church from 1700 to 1708. He was installed pastor of the second church in Salisbury, Mass., November 26, 1718 and continued in office till he died, March 13, 1739, aged 69 years. He married Elizabeth Thompson in 1701, by whom he had five children. Rev. Joseph was minister of Bradford, Mass., Rev. Samuel of Rye, N.H., and Rev. William of Southampton, N.H. His only daughter, Elizabeth, was the wife of Rev. J. Fogg of Kensington, N.H.

Rev. Samuel Welles of Glastonbury graduated at Yale in 1707 and was pastor of this church from 1711 to 1718. His own and his wife's estate being large, he resigned, removed to Boston and was a distinguished civilian. He died there May 20, 1770, aged 81 years. His son was a rich banker in Paris.

Rev. Solomon Williams, son of Rev.

William Williams of Hatfield, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1719 and was ordained December 5, 1722. He continued in office till he died, February 29, 1776, aged 75 years. He published 14 sermons, besides some controversial pamphlets, in vindication of the Half-Way Covenant, and "The Nature of Justifying Faith." He married Mary Porter of Hadley, Mass., by whom he had ten children, one of whom, Eliphalet, was pastor of the church in East Hartford.

He received the degree of D.D. from Yale in 1772. He held a prominent place among the clergy of New England and had an extensive correspondence with American and European divines. He spent most of his time in his study, was well versed in Greek and Hebrew, was a man of great prudence, was a friend of Whitefield and welcomed him to his pulpit.

Rev. Zebulon Ely of Lyme graduated at Yale in 1779, was tutor one year and was ordained pastor of this church November 13, 1783. He had a slight attack of paralysis in 1818, a more severe one in 1821, but re-

sumed his labors and preached till March, 1823, when his faculties began to be impaired. He died November 18, 1824, aged 65 years. He was a distinguished classical scholar in college; in theology he was conservative. He had a family of twelve children; one of them was Rev. Ezra Stiles Ely, D.D. of Philadelphia. He published ten sermons. He once exchanged with the minister of East Hartford; the Sabbath was stormy and he had only a dozen hearers. He often reproached himself for going so far and doing so little. Some twenty years after, on a journey, he fell in company with a man who told him he was present on that stormy Sabbath and that the sermons he preached on that day were the means of his conversion.

Lebanon, Ct. Goshen November 25, 1729

Rev. Jacob Elliot of Boston, a descendant of a brother of the Indian apostle, graduated at Harvard in 1720 and was ordained November 26, 1729. He continued in office till he died, April 12, 1766, on the 66th. year of his age. He was twice married: (1)

to Betty, a daughter of Rev. John Robinson of Duxboro', Mass., by whom he had two children; and (2) Miss Anna Blackleach of Stratford, by whom he had two children.

Rev. Timothy Stone of Guilford graduated at Yale in 1763, studied theology with Rev. Mr. Brinsmade of Washington, and was ordained pastor of this church September 30, 1767. He was a very modest man, Calvinistic in doctrine and exemplary in his conduct. He is said to have been the best farmer in the state and, though a good judge of horses, would never buy one for himself, lest he should be called a horse jockey. He published four sermons. He was beloved by his people and esteemed by all who knew him. He married Eunice, daughter of Dr. Williams of Lebanon. His son Timothy was pastor of the church in Cornwall.

Rev. William B. Ripley, son of Rev. Dr. Ripley of Greens Farms (Westport), graduated at Yale in 1786 and was ordained pastor of a church in Ballston, N.Y. He left there and was installed pastor of this church in November, 1798, and continued in office till he died in July,

1822, aged 56 years. He was a trustee of Yale College.

Rev. Erastus Ripley graduated at Yale in 1795 and was settled at Brookfield from 1801 to 1802. He was installed at Meriden in January, 1803. He was a large man and had a strong mind, but his preaching was dry and metaphysical; the congregation diminished and he was dismissed in February, 1822. He was installed pastor of this church in 1823, remained about ten years, when he was dismissed and returned to Meriden, where he died November 17, 1843, aged 73 years.

Rev. Israel T. Otis, 1835-44

Rev. Joshua R. Brown of Stonington, Ct., not a graduate of any college, studied theology at Andover and New Haven, was ordained pastor of this church May 21, 1845, and was dismissed in June, 1852. He was installed over the church in East Longmeadow, Mass. December 13, 1854, where he died of typhoid fever September 7, 1858, aged 46 years. He was a devoted minister and a very acceptable preacher.

Lebanon, Ct. Exeter Parish October, 1773

Rev. John Gurley of Mansfield graduated at Yale in 1773 and was ordained pastor of this church in May, 1775. He continued in office till he died in February, 1812 in the 64th. year of his age. "He was distinguished for benevolence and piety and was a very Moses for meekness." His widow married General Peters, father of Dr. Absalom Peters; his daughter Mary married Dr. E. Gillet of Maine; and Rev. Ralph R. Gurley, Secretary of the American Colonization Society, is his son.

Rev. John H. Fowler graduated at Yale in 1790, studied and practiced law several years. Having become pious, he studied theology and was pastor of this church from 1813 to 1821. He was installed at Montgomery, Mass. November 13, 1822, where he died March 13, 1829, aged 58 years. He was a good man and useful as a minister. He left a widow and two children, one of whom was John H. Fowler, who was pastor of a church in Utica, N.Y. for a time, but was deposed and studied law.

Rev. Daniel Waldo 1823-34 (See Suffield)

Lebanon, Maine June 26, 1765

Rev. Isaac Hasey graduated at Harvard in

1762 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He was supported for seventeen years by the proprietors of the land and after that in part by ministerial funds. He continued in office till he died in October, 1812, aged about 70 years.

Rev. Paul Jewett 1814-1819 (See Scituate)

Ledyard, Ct. December 12, 1810

This was the North Parish of Groton till 1836. A church was organized here in 1729 and had the following pastors: It was called a strict Congregational Church.

Rev. Ebenezer Punderson of New Haven graduated at Yale in 1726 and was ordained December 29, 1729. He became an Episcopalian and resigned February 5, 1734. He preached for a time in New Haven and afterwards at Rye, N.Y., where he died in 1764, aged 63 years.

Rev. Andrew Croswell of Charlestown, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1728 and was ordained October 14, 1736. He was a man of ardent temperament and was deeply interested in the Great Awakening. He went about the country beseeching men to be reconciled to God.

He resigned about 1745, went to Boston and was pastor of an Independent Church in School Street. He continued there till he died, April 12, 1785, aged 76 years. He was a friend of the erratic Davenport. After his death his house of worship became a Roman Catholic chapel. It was built by the Huguenots. see Sibley - v. 8

Rev. Jacob Johnson of Wallingford graduated at Yale in 1740, was ordained in 1749 and dismissed in 1772. The church became extinct and was reorganized in 1811. He married a Miss Giddings of Preston and died in Wilkesbarre, Pa. in 1794, aged about 75 years.

Rev. Timothy Tuttle was born in East Haven Nov. 29, 1781, but removed to Durham at the age of 18. He graduated at Yale in 1808 and was ordained pastor of the churches of North and South Groton August 11, 1814. He preached alternately at each church until April, 1834, when he relinquished the charge of the South Church and devoted all his time to the North Parish, which subsequently became a separate town and was called Ledyard. He con-

tinued here till he died, June 6, 1864, in the 83rd. year of his age. His ministry has been blest with frequent revivals of religion. He was better known at home than abroad, but wherever known was highly esteemed.

Lee, N.H.

It is not certain that there was ever a regularly organized church in this town.

Rev. Samuel Hutchins, of whom little is known and not a graduate of any college, was ordained previous to 1792. He preached long enough to gain a residence and become a pauper, and was supported by the town. The church became extinct. A missionary is laboring there with the prospect of gathering a church.

Lee, Mass. May 25, 1780.

Rev. Elisha Parmalee of Goshen, Ct. graduated at Harvard in 1778 and studied theology with Dr. West of Stockbridge. He was ordained July 3, 1783 and died of consumption in Shenandoah County, Virginia, August 2, 1784, aged 29 years. He was

sound in faith, amiable in his manner and highly respected for his piety and talents. His wife and brother accompanied him in his journey.(to Virginia).

Rev. Alvan Hyde, a native of Franklin, Ct., graduated at Dartmouth in 1788, studied theology with Dr. Backus of Somers, Ct., and was ordained June 6, 1792. The people were somewhat divided and some were opposed to his settlement. A powerful revival of religion commenced soon after his ordination by which all divisions were healed and his ministry was one of great prosperity. He was a man of great prudence, wisdom and piety. He was serious and devout, sound in doctrine, and a man that preached by his example. He bestowed much labor upon his sermons, never preached against other denominations, nor informed his people respecting prevalent errors by preaching against them. He preached down nobody, but endeavored to commend the truth to every man's conscience. He was a trustee of Williams College 31 years; received the degree of D.D. from

his Alma Mater. He published nineteen sermons during his ministry and was an instructor of theological students. The introduction of new measures among his people by evangelists in 1833 and 4, and the consequent disorder that ensued, was a great annoyance to him and affected his general health. He died, greatly lamented, December 4, 1833, after a sickness of two days, aged 66 years. He married Lucy Fessenden of Sandwich, by whom he had nine children. His eldest son, Alvan, was a minister, but died soon after he began to preach. A memoir of Dr. Hyde was published in 1835.

Rev. Joshua N. Danforth of Pittsfield graduated at Williams College in 1818 and studied theology at Princeton. He was a ready writer and an interesting preacher. He labored for a time as an evangelist in connection with Rev. Asahel Nettleton, and with Rev. James Patterson of Philadelphia. He was first pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Newcastle, Delaware, then of a church in

Washington, D.C., and then agent of the Colonization Society. He was installed pastor of this church in June, 1834 and resigned in 1838. He was then pastor of a church in Alexandria, Va. the remainder of his ministerial life,- about 15 years. He wrote much for the New York Observer and other religious papers. He died at Wilmington, Del. November 14, 1801, aged 63 years.

Leicester, Mass. September 15, 1721

Rev. David Parsons 1721-35 (See Malden)

Rev. David Goddard, a native of Framingham, graduated at Harvard in 1731 and was ordained June 30, 1736. His salary was nominally 100 pounds, though not punctually paid. His connection with the people was uniformly pleasant. His salary after a few years was voluntarily increased. He died at Framingham January 19, 1754, where he was seized with a fever while on a journey, aged 48.

Rev. Joseph Roberts, a native of Boston, graduated at Harvard in 1741 and was ordained October 23, 1754. The town gave him a settlement of 133 pounds and a salary of 66 pounds,

lawful money. His prospects seemed fair and the society was pleased and happy. After a few years there began to be difficulties; he was a bachelor, and the people on discovering that he was a lover of filthy lucre rather forced him to unite with them in calling a council, by which he was dismissed December 14, 1762. He removed to Weston, preached occasionally, engaged in secular business, speculated, lost property, became soured in his feelings, lived in retirement, and died April 30, 1811, aged 91 years.

He was a man of talent, took an active part in the Revolution, and was a member of the convention that formed the constitution of Massachusetts.

Rev. Benjamin Conklin of Southold, N.Y. graduated at Nassau Hall in 1755 and was ordained November 23, 1763. He was a respectable, though not a distinguished preacher. He was a discreet and good man and much respected by his people. After laboring thirty years his health became poor

and he resigned his charge June 30, 1794. The society gave him a gratuity of 170 pounds and exempted him from taxation. He resided there till he died, January 30, 1798, aged 65 years. He was above the middle stature and rather corpulent.

Rev. Zephaniah Swift Moore of Falmouth graduated at Dartmouth in 1793 and was ordained June 10, 1798. Having been appointed professor at Dartmouth, he resigned his charge October 28, 1811. In 1815 he accepted the appointment of President of Williams College, and in 1821 of Amherst College, at which place he died suddenly of bilious colic, June 30, 1823, in the 53rd. year of his age. He received the degree of D.D. from Dartmouth. He was an accurate scholar, a good teacher and a good disciplinarian; there was in him a happy combination of dignity, kindness and firmness. He was an instructive preacher, though not an eloquent orator. He was of medium height and rather corpulent. He married Miss Drury of Auburn and had no children. She died in 1858.

Lempster, N.H. November 13, 1781

Rev. Elias Fisher of Wrentham, graduated at Harvard in 1769 and was ordained September 25, 1787. He continued in office till he died, May 22, 1831, aged 82 years. He received thirty pounds settlement and forty pounds salary, which was increased to seventy pounds. At his death he gave his homestead, a house and 60 acres of land, to the society for a parsonage.

Rev. Charles M. Brown 1828-30

Rev. Ebenezer Coleman 1834-38(See Tiverton)

Lempster, N.H. Second Church Feb'y 1, 1837

Lenox, Mass. 1769

Rev. Samuel Munson of New Haven, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1763 and was ordained November 8, 1770. He was a man of good abilities, of ardent piety, sound in the faith and zealous in promoting the cause of the Redeemer, but he lived in troublous times. The Revolutionary War produced considerable animosity in that town and the Shay's Rebellion was productive of much evil. After twenty years the church

remained almost as small as at the beginning of his ministry. His health became poor and, as the current of irreligion and vice was too strong to be resisted by one so feeble in health, he asked and received a dismission in September, 1792. He removed to Monroe, Ct., where he died May 14, 1814, aged 69. He preached in Trumbull about two years. He was too feeble to preach much after leaving Lenox. For a considerable time before his death his mental faculties were so much impaired that he was lost on almost every subject except that of religion.

Rev. Samuel Shepard was a native of Chatham, Ct., graduated at Yale in 1793, studied theology with Rev. Dr. Strong of his native town and was ordained April 30, 1795. He continued pastor till he died, January 4, 1846, in the 74th. year of his age. He was a man of remarkable flow of spirits, of great love of order and punctuality, of sound judgment and distinguished for firmness and decision. He possessed very uncommon pulpit powers, a strong and yet melodious voice, by which he was able to

hold an audience subdued under the power of his eloquence. He was social, full of anecdote and yet a devout and faithful pastor.

His personal appearance was very commanding. He was a good man and will long be remembered. He was a trustee of Williams College more than thirty years and received the degree of D.D. from Union College. He published a semi-centennial sermon in 1845. He was twice married: (1) to Miss Lucy Ames of his native place, by whom he had three children; and (2) to Widow Olive Taft of Williamstown.

Leominster, Mass. September 14, 1743

Rev. John Rogers, son of Rev. John Rogers of Boxford, graduated at Harvard in 1732 and was ordained the day the church was organized. After he had preached nearly 20 years, several of the church complained that he was not sound in doctrine. A council of 15 churches was called in July, 1757, the complaint in the opinion of the council was sustained and he was dismissed.

About one-fifth of the congregation adhered to him and he preached to them at his own house till 1788, when they went back to the church. He died October, 1789, aged about 80 years. He married Relief, a daughter of Rev. John Prentice of Lancaster, and had 7 children.

Rev. Francis Gardner, son of Rev. John Gardner of Stow, graduated at Harvard in 1755, and was ordained December 22, 1762. He continued in office till he died, June 3, 1814, aged 76 years. He started June 2 to go to Boston, being somewhat unwell. He stopped at Watertown towards evening and died before morning. He had 14 children who lived to mature age. He published two occasional sermons.

Rev. William Bascom 1815-20 (See Fitchburgh)

Leominster, Mass., Evangelical Church Dec. 25, 1822.

The old church had become Unitarian.

Rev. Phillips Payson, son of Rev. Dr. Payson of Rindge, N.H., graduated at Harvard in 1809 and at Andover in 1820. He was ordained pastor of this church in 1825 and dis-

missed on account of ill health April 17, 1832. He resided a short time in Amherst and after that in Newport, R.I. He recovered his health so far as to preach most of the time till 1847. He died in Fayetteville, N.Y., February 16, 1856, in the 61st. year of his age.

As a scholar he was most critical and laborious. His industry was proverbial. As a minister he was earnest and faithful. In early life he committed to memory a large part of the Bible. He had six children, all of whom gave evidence of piety before he was taken from them.

Rev. Ochus C. Hubbard of Sunderland graduated at Amherst in 1829 and at Andover in 1832, and was ordained May 23, 1833. He was a discriminating and successful preacher, a wise counsellor and a safe guide to those who enquired what they must do to be saved. He died at East Falmouth August 13, 1852, aged 45 years.

Leverett, Mass. 1784

Rev. Henry Williams of Stonington, Ct., descended from a brother of Rev. John Williams

of Deerfield. He was not a graduate of any college, but received the honorary degree of A.M. from Dartmouth in 1782. He was ordained pastor of the church in Guilford, Vt. October 28, 1778; the sermon was preached by Rev. Bunker Gay of Hinsdale, N.H. from these words,- "There is death in the pot". He was a violent Yorker in the controversy between New York and New Hampshire for the sovereignty of Vermont, and that question being settled contrary to his wishes, he resigned and left the state. He was installed at Leverett November 10, 1784 and continued in office till he died, November 27, 1811, in the 67th. year of his age. He died suddenly, while sitting in his chair.

He was an ardent preacher, gifted in prayer and evangelical in doctrine. Rev. Avery Williams of Lexington was his son.

Rev. Joel Wright 1812-20 (See Goshen)

Rev. Joseph Sawyer of Wendell graduated at Williams in 1813, at Andover in 1819, and was ordained October 30, 1822. He died December 14 of the same year, aged 30 years. His death was occasioned by an injury received

when he was 11 years old. He was then hooked by a heifer in the abdomen and his bowels gushed out. They were replaced and the wound sewed up, but the stitches were defective; the bowels adhered to the wound, occasioning at times great suffering.

Rev. Jonas Colburn of Dracut graduated at Middlebury in 1817 and at Andover in 1820. He spent two or three years as an agent and was pastor of this church from January 21, 1824 to April 4, 1832; of the church in Stoneham from 1832 to 1837; and of the church in Wells, Me. from 1837 to 1844. He resided in Amherst till 1851, and then in Saxonville, preaching occasionally as he had opportunity and as his health permitted. He married Mary Brown of Framingham, who died in 1857. One child only survives, Rev. W. Colburn, an Episcopal minister.

Mr. Colburn died at Chicopee November 19, 1862, aged 73 years. He was a good scholar and a useful minister.

Rev. Freegrace Reynolds 1832-37 (See Wilmington)

Lexington, Mass. October 21, 1696

This was a parish of Cambridge till 1712.

Rev. Benjamin Estabrook, son of Rev. Joseph Estabrook of Concord, who graduated at Harvard in 1690, commenced preaching here in the spring of 1692 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He lived but a few months; he died July 22, 1697, in the 27th. year of his age.

Rev. John Hancock of Cambridge graduated at Harvard in 1689 and was ordained November 2, 1698. "He was very eminent in his day for wisdom, piety and fidelity in the cause of his divine Master, and for a happy talent at preventing discord and healing existing animosities among his people." From respect to his age and gravity he was long honored with the title of Bishop. He was the senior minister in that part of Middlesex County for nearly 30 years, presided at most of the councils for the ordination of ministers and gave the charge to the pastor at 21 ordinations. He preached the Election sermon in 1722, and the Convention

sermon in 1735. He published five sermons. Two of his sons became ministers. It was a son of his that founded the Hancock professorship of Hebrew in Harvard University. He died December 5, 1782, aged 82 years, having preached the Sabbath previous.

Rev. Ebenezer Hancock, son of the preceding, graduated at Harvard in 1728 and was settled colleague with his father January 2, 1734. He was a popular preacher and died universally lamented January 28, 1740, in the 30th. year of his age.

Rev. Jonas Clark of Newton graduated at Harvard in 1752 and was ordained November 5, 1755. His wife was a daughter of Rev. Thomas Clark of Chelmsford. He was much respected and beloved by his people. He preached the Election sermon in 1781. He published eight sermons. The memorable fight of April 19, 1775, was within a few rods of his house.

"Mr. Clark was wholly devoted to the duties of his office and, by reading, meditation and prayer, became mighty in the scriptures." His sermons were interesting and delivered with energy and zeal. He was benevolent, kind and sympathizing.

He had a family of ten children and it was a matter of surprise how, with his limited means, he was able, besides providing for his household, to give as much as he did for charitable purposes. He died November 15, 1805, aged 75 years.

Rev. Avery Williams, son of Rev. Henry Williams of Leverett, graduated at Dartmouth in 1804 and was ordained December 30, 1807. In 1813 he published a Century sermon. He was dismissed on account of ill health September 6, 1815 and went to North Carolina, where he died February 4, 1816, aged 34 years. He married a Miss Grennell of Greenfield and left one son, who is a physician at Lanesborough. Mr. Williams studied theology at Princeton.

Limerick, Me., July 5, 1795

Rev. Edmund Eastman of Concord, N.H. graduated at Dartmouth in 1793 and was ordained November 6, 1795. He died December 9, 1812, aged 40. During the latter part of his life his health was very poor, and in consequence of his inability to perform reg-

ularly his pastoral duties, the people were scattered and the church diminished. In a short time after his death the place became a moral waste.

Rev. Charles Freeman was sent there by the Maine Missionary Society in 1818; by the blessing of God on his labors religion was revived and the parish greatly strengthened. He was ordained pastor January 19, 1820. He was born in Portland, graduated at Bowdoin in 1812, and continued a useful pastor till his death, in September, 1853, aged 60 years. They have doubly repaid by their charities to others all it cost to resuscitate the church.

Limington, Maine October, 1789

Rev. Jonathan Atkinson of Boscawen, N.H. graduated at Dartmouth in 1797 and was ordained October 17, 1794. He was dismissed September 26, 1821. He continued to reside in the place till he died, in the spring of 1836, aged 78 years.

Rev. Caleb F. Page 1823-33

Rev. Ivory Kimball 1834-41(See Lyndeborough)

Lincoln, Maine May 3, 1831

Lincoln, Mass. August 20, 1747

Rev. William Lawrence of Groton graduated at Harvard in 1743 and was ordained pastor of this church December 7, 1748. His ministry was quiet and peaceful. He was a man of good abilities, both natural and acquired, a judicious divine and a firm supporter of the order of the churches. Members were required to own the covenant and have their children baptized. He died after a long and distressing sickness, April 11, 1780, in the 57th. year of his age. His funeral expenses, amounting to 366 pounds of the currency of the time, were paid by the town, and 300 pounds given to his widow to buy a mourning suit.

Rev. Charles Stearns was born in Lunenburg, graduated at Harvard in 1783, was tutor for a time, and ordained November 7, 1781. He received from Harvard the degree of D.D., was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and preached often on public occasions.

He published five or six sermons, a poem called "Ladies" Philosophy of Love", Dio-logues for Schools, and "Principles of Re-ligion and Morality". Rev. W. L. Stearns of Rowe and Rev. D. M. Stearns of Dennis were his sons. He died July 26, 1826, aged 74 years.

Lisbon, Ct. (Newent Parish) Dec. 10, 1783

This was a parish of Norwich till 1786.

Rev. Daniel Kirkland of Saybrook graduated at Yale in 1720 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He con-tinued in office 30 years, when he became de-ranged and was dismissed. He recovered and preached a short time at Groton. He returned to this place, where he died very poor in May, 1773, aged 72 years. He was a good scholar, a man of ready wit and of an amiable temper. He married Mary Perkins of Windsor, by whom he had ten children. One of his sons, Samuel, was missionary to the Oneida Indians and was the father of President Kirkland of Harvard College.

Rev. Peter Powers 1756-65 (See Deer Isle)

Rev. Joel Benedict of Salem, N.Y. graduated at Nassau Hall in 1765, studied theology with Dr. Bellamy and was ordained February 21, 1771. He was dismissed April 30, 1782 and installed at Plainfield December 21, 1784. He continued there till he died, February 13, 1816, aged 71 years. He was a fine classical scholar and excelled in his knowledge of Hebrew. He received the degree of D.D. from Union in 1808. He married Sarah McCown of Boston. He was much beloved as a man and a minister.

Rev. David Hale of Coventry graduated at Yale in 1785 and was ordained pastor of this church in 1790. He resigned in 1804 on account of ill health. He taught a family school for a time. He removed to South Coventry, where he was a deacon, justice of the peace and a judge. He was a man of great worth and highly esteemed. He died in 1822, aged about 59 years. He married Lydia Austin of New Haven, who was remarkable for her piety, and intellectual and physical

vigor. She died in 1849, aged 85. David Hale, Editor of the Journal of Commerce, was her son.

Rev. Levi Nelson of Milford, Mass. was not a graduate of any college, but received the honorary degree of A.M. from Williams in 1810. He was ordained pastor of this church December 5, 1804 and continued in office till he died, December 17, 1855, aged 76 years. He was a good man and just; he had an unflinching regard to what was just and right. He was sound in faith, a wise counsellor, kind in his manner and dignified in his deportment. The last year or two of his life were embittered by the results of a case of discipline which led him to publish a pamphlet and a sermon in reference to it.

Lisbon, Ct. (Hanover Parish) May 13, 1766

Rev. Andrew Lee of Lyme graduated at Yale in 1766 and was ordained October 26, 1768. He continued in office till he died, August 25, 1832, aged 87 years. He was not a stirring preacher, but a sound divine and useful pastor.

He received the degree of D.D. from Harvard in 1809. He published a volume of sermons in 1803 and 10 single sermons. He married (1) Eunice, daughter of Rev. Mr. Hall of Meriden, by whom he had 10 children; (2) Mrs. Abigail Smith of Roxbury, Mass. He was a moderate Calvinist.

Rev. Barnabas Phinney of Lee graduated at Williams College in 1827, studied theology with Dr. Hyde, was ordained pastor of this church in 1830 and dismissed in 1832. He was pastor at Pawtucket, R.I. from 1833 to 1836 and at Westborough from February to October, 1836, when he was deposed from the ministry for a violation of the seventh commandment. He went to Ohio, where he died in 1848, aged 49 years.

Rev. Philo Judson 1833-34

Rev. Joseph Ayer 1837-48

Rev. James A. Hazen 1852-62 (See Williamstown)

Lisbon, Maine December 18, 1739

Litchfield, Maine June 6, 1811

Rev. David Starrett of Warren grad-

uated at Bowdoin in 1818 and was pastor of the church in Weld from September, 1821 to February, 1827. He was installed here October 21,1828 and remained five years. He removed to Augusta, where he died in 1851, aged 61 years.

Rev. Timothy Davis 1837-1849

Rev. Benjamin Smith of Litchfield graduated at Bowdoin in 1841 and commenced a school in his native place, which became an incorporated academy. In 1849 he commenced preaching and was ordained August 2, 1852. He continued in office till he died, September 1, 1858, aged 43 years. He was a good man.

Litchfield, Ct. 1722

Rev. Timothy Collins of Guilford graduated at Yale in 1718 and was ordained June 19, 1723. Litchfield was then a frontier town and was fortified to protect the few inhabitants that were there from the assaults of the French and Indians. Mr. Collins' salary was at first 57 pounds and afterwards 80 pounds. He was dismissed

October 14, 1752, but continued to reside in the place till he died. He practiced medicine and was a justice of the peace. He died in February, 1777, in the 78th. year of his age. He married Elizabeth Hyde of Franklin and had eight children.

Rev. Judah Champion graduated at Yale in 1751 and was ordained July 4, 1753. He was a very acceptable preacher, though he had not a very discriminating mind and his sermons were not very methodical. He was a kind and affectionate pastor. In his visits about the parish he had a portmanteau attached to his saddle, so that if his parishioners should give him a chicken or a piece of meat he could carry it with more convenience. He was a strong Federalist. On the Sabbath after he heard the result of the presidential election in 1796, he prayed fervently for the President, and that the Lord would bestow on the Vice-President a double portion of His spirit,- "for Thou knowest he needs it".

In October, 1797 he retired from his

ministerial labors in consequence of feeble health, the society voting to continue his salary in full during his life. He died in 1810, aged about 80 years. He published an Election sermon in 1776.

Rev. Dan Huntington of Lebanon graduated at Yale in 1794 and was ordained pastor of this church in October, 1798. He was dismissed in January, 1809, installed at Middletown in August of that year, and dismissed in February, 1816. He became a Unitarian and resigned his pastoral charge on that account. He retired from the ministry and settled in Hadley, Mass. upon a farm, where he remained a quiet, useful and respected citizen till he died, October 31, 1864, aged 90 years.

He was a man of talent, was tutor at Yale and also at Williams College. While at Litchfield he was a distinguished revival preacher, eloquent, earnest and impressive. He married a Miss Phelps of Hadley. He was father of Rev. F. D. Huntington, D.D.

Rev. Lyman Beecher of New Haven graduated at Yale in 1797, studied theology with

President Dwight and was pastor of the church in East Hampton, L.I. from 1798 to 1810; and of this church from 1810 to 1826, when he accepted a call from the church in Hanover Street, Boston. He was pastor of the church in Boston till 1832, when he accepted the presidency of Lane Theological Seminary. In 1852 he returned to Boston and retired from public life.

He was a strong and healthy man and performed a vast amount of labor. He filled a large place and exerted a powerful influenee. Few preachers could more effectively fix the attention of an audience. He preached and published six sermons on Intemperance which gave an impulse to the Temperance Reform. While at Boston he entered warmly and successfully into the Unitarian controversy. He edited, with others, "The Spirit of the Pilgrims". While at Cincinnati he was accused of heresy by an Old School Presbyterian, which led to the publication of his "Views in Theology." He published from time to time many occasional sermons and

after his return to Boston he commenced the publication of his works, of which three volumes appeared. He died at Brooklyn, N.Y., January 10, 1863, aged 87 years and 3 months. He received the degree of D.D. from Middlebury in 1818. He was thrice married; first to Roxanna Foote, of whom he said she was the only person he ever met whom he felt to be fully his equal in an argument. He had 13 children.

Litchfield, Ct. Northfield Parish, 1795

Rev. Joseph E. Camp graduated at Yale in 1787 and was ordained in 1795. He was dismissed in 1837 and died May 27, 1838, aged 72 years.

Rev. Joel S. Dickinson 1844-51

Rev. Lewis Jessup 1851-54

Rev. Stephen Rogers 1856-59 (See Bradford)

Litchfield, Ct. Milton Parish 1793

Rev. Benjamin Judd of Waterbury was not a graduate of any college. He was a man of strong mind, but of a passionate,

fiery temper. He married Sybil Davis of Watertown and resided in Lenox, Mass., where a son of his was drowned in 1785, aged 8 years. He was ordained pastor of the church in Ware, Mass. October 12, 1785 and was dismissed September 28, 1787. He preached in various places and was installed pastor of this church in May, 1802. He was dismissed in October, 1804 and subsequently removed to Yates County, N.Y., where he became a Baptist. He was born in 1755 and died before 1840, aged about 80 years. He left four daughters.

Rev. Abraham Fowler of Lebanon graduated at Yale in 1775 and was pastor of the church in Naugatuck from 1785 to 1800, and of this church from 1807 to 1813. He preached as stated supply in other churches. He died November 10, 1815, aged 70 years. He married Rebecca Judson of Stratford.

Litchfield, N.H. 1741

Rev. Joshua Tufts, son of Rev. John Tufts of Newbury, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1736 and was ordained in 1741. He left in 1744 and is said to have died between 1760 and 70. He was born in 1717. He probably left

the ministry when he left this church.

Rev. Samuel Cotton, son of Rev. John Cotton of Newtown(Newton)Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1759 and was ordained January 2, 1765. He was dismissed in 1781 and died in Claremont in 1819, aged 80 years. He was somewhat eccentric.

After his dismission the church became extinct and a Presbyterian church was organized in 1809.

Rev. Nathaniel Kennedy 1809-12(See Kensington)

Rev. Enoch Pillsbury of Byfield, Mass., not a graduate of any college, was ordained October 25, 1815 and died in February, 1818, aged 30 years. The church disbanded in 1842 and was reorganized in 1844.

Rev. William H. Porter, son of Rev. Huntington Porter of Rye, graduated at Yale in 1841 and studied theology at New Haven. He was ordained pastor of this church in October, 1845 and was dismissed in 1848. He became a Swedenborgian and died in Roxbury, Mass. May 26, 1861, aged 43 years. He married Mary Frances, daughter of Hon. Paul Wentworth of New Hampshire.

Little Compton, R.I. November 30, 1704

This township belonged to Massachusetts till 1746.

Rev. Richard Billings was born in England, but graduated at Harvard in 1698. He was ordained the day the church was organized, and continued in office till he died, November 20, 1748, aged 74 years. He was a worthy man and a useful minister.

Rev. Jonathan Ellis of Sandwich, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1737 and was ordained pastor of the Second Church in Plymouth, Mass. November 8, 1738, being 21 years old. Being naturally ardent, he became exceedingly enthusiastic and said so many extravagant things that the people became disaffected and he was dismissed October 31, 1749. He was installed pastor of this church December 5 of the same year and continued in office till he died, September 7, 1785, aged 68 years. His zeal must have been greatly diminished by his removal to a new field of labor, for during the 36 years he spent in this place only 29 persons were

admitted to the church.

Rev. Mase Shepard of Norton, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1785 and was ordained September 19, 1787. He continued in office till he died, February 14, 1821, aged 63 years. He studied theology with Rev. E. Judson, then at Taunton.

"He was a man of commanding presence, had a powerful voice and was distinguished for the interest he won in the affections of all classes of the community in social conversation."

"He was not a close student, but excelled in pastoral visits and in his appeals from the pulpit, which were without notes and warm from the heart." During his ministry of 36 years he admitted to the church 293 members.

Rev. Emerson Paine of Foxboro', Mass. graduated at Brown in 1813 and was ordained at Middleborough, Mass. February 14, 1816. He studied theology with Dr. Emmons of Franklin, Mass. He was dismissed at his own request June 4, 1822 and was installed pastor of this church November 20 of the same year. He re-

signed on account of ill health April 20, 1835. He preached a few months in Middleborough, Mass and afterwards at Halifax, Mass., where he died April 26, 1851, aged 65 years. He married Lydia Pendleton of Dighton, by whom he had five children. He was an able vindicator of Emmons's theology, a man of unblemished character and an humble Christian. A volume of his sermons was published in 1842. He also published four or five occasional sermons.

Rev. Samuel W. Colburn of Lebanon, N.H. graduated at Dartmouth in 1808 and was pastor at West Taunton from 1809 to 1812. He was at East Abington (Mass.) from 1813 to 1830, several years agent of the Doctrinal Tract and Book Society, preached two years at West Attleborough, Mass. and three at Sandwich. He was pastor of this church from July, 1835 to July, 1838. After his dismission he resided at South Weymouth, Mass. He married Ruth Cogswell of Boscawen, N.H., by whom he had three daughters. He died in New York at the house of his son-in-law, December 19, 1854, aged 73 years. He

published several occasional sermons. He was sound in faith, an exemplary Christian and a useful minister.

Littleton, N.H. 1803

Rev. Drury Fairbank of Holliston, Mass. graduated at Brown in 1797 and was ordained pastor of the church in Plymouth January 8, 1800. He continued there 18 years and was installed the first pastor of this church May 3, 1820. He labored 16 years, when he resigned on account of ill health. He died in January, 1853, aged 80 years.

Rev. Evarts Worcester, son of Rev. Leonard Worcester of Peacham, Vt., graduated at Dartmouth in 1830 and was ordained March 13, 1836. He preached five or six Sabbaths; was prostrated by hemorrhage of the lungs and returned to his father's house, where he died in October of that year, aged 30 years.

Littleton, Mass. 1717

Rev. Benjamin Shattuck of Watertown graduated at Harvard in 1709 and was ordained December 30, 1717. He was dismissed in June,

1730 and died in 1763, aged 78 years. He married (1) Martha, daughter of Joseph Sherman of Watertown; (2) Elizabeth Winship, and had in all 11 children.

Rev. Daniel Rogers of Ipswich graduated at Harvard in 1725 and was ordained March 15, 1732. He continued in office till he died November 22, 1782, aged 77 years. He studied theology with Dr. Gay of Hingham and was a minister of considerable eminence. It is not known that he published anything. He married Mary, daughter of Rev. John Whiting of Concord. He was a Tory and his politics very offensive to most of his parishioners. During the last years of his life he had very little comfort or repose.

Rev. Edmund Foster of Reading graduated at Yale in 1778 and was ordained January 17, 1781. He continued in office till he died, March 28, 1826, aged 74 years. He was a man of talent; he published seven or eight sermons and three orations delivered on the 4th. of July.

Littleton, Mass. Orthodox Church May 14, 1840

(Littleton, Orthodox Ch.)

Rev. James C. Bryant of New Boston, N.H. graduated at Amherst in 1836 and at Andover in 1840, and was ordained October 28, 1840. He became strongly impressed with the conviction that he ought to preach the Gospel to the heathen, resigned his charge in 1846, and went out as a missionary of the American Board to Ifumi, South Africa, where he died December 23, 1850, aged 39 years. He was a man of well cultivated, active and well balanced mind. He excelled as a linguist. He prepared an elementary arithmetic in the Zulu language and translated some parts of the Bible. He was a man of deep and consistent piety.

Londonderry, N.H. 1736

This was the Second Church till 1828, when the First became the town of Derry.

Rev. David MacGregor,*son of the first pastor of Derry, was ordained in October, 1736. He received his education chiefly under the tuition of Rev. Mr. Clark, the successor of his

* or McGregore

father.

In consequence of a dislike to the pastor of the First Church, a number of families from the First Church united with this. Mr. MacGregor invited Whitefield to preach in his pulpit, which was the commencement of an extensive revival. He was an animated preacher; his voice was full and commanding, his delivery solemn and impressive, and his sentiments clear and evangelical. He was much beloved and very useful. He died May 30, 1777, aged 68 years. He preached the Sabbath preceding his death. He married Mary Boyd and had nine children.

Rev. William Morrison of Scotland, and a licentiate of the Associate Reformed Presbytery of New York, was ordained Feb'y 12, 1783. His salary was 90 pounds lawful money, with a settlement of $800 in silver. He was a man of talent, though of limited education in consequence of the breaking up of the college at Princeton during the Revolutionary War. He was a good man, a faithful and pungent preacher. He died March 9,

1818, aged 70 years. He married Jane Fullerton and had 11 children. He received the degree of D.D. from Dartmouth.

Rev. Daniel Dana 1822-26(See Newburyport)

Rev. Amasa A. Hayes of Granby, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1824, at Andover in 1827, and was ordained June 25, 1828. His ministry was short; his health soon began to fail and he died October 23, 1830, aged 33 years.

Londonderry, Vermont about 1825

Longmeadow, Mass. October 17, 1717

Rev. Stephen Williams, son of Rev. John Williams of Deerfield, graduated at Yale in 1713, and was ordained October 17, 1717. In February, 1704, when he was in his 11th. year, Deerfield was destroyed by the Indians; his father's house and barn were burned, his mother and two children killed, and Stephen, with his father and the remainder of the family, carried away into captivity. He was taken to Canada and was absent a year and nine months. He was then redeemed and soon after his return wrote an interesting account of his suf-

ferings. In 1745 he went to Louisburg as a chaplain in the army; in 1755 he went in the same capacity to Lake Champlain, and again in 1756. He received the degree of D.D. from Yale College in 1741, and from Dartmouth in 1773. He was twice married; by his first wife he had 8 children, 6 sons and 2 daughters. Stephen, his second son, was pastor of a church in Woodstock, Ct.; Warham, his third son, was pastor of a church in Northford; and Nathan, his sixth son, was pastor of the church in Tolland, Ct.

Dr. Williams published but one sermon, which was preached at the ordination of Rev. Mr. Keep of Sheffield. He died June 10, 1782, in the 90th. year of his age.

Rev. Richard S. Storrs of Mansfield, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1783 and was ordained December 7, 1785. The sermon was preached by his father, Rev. John Storrs of Southold, L.I. He was adopted by Rev. Richard Salter, D.D. of Mansfield at an early age, who treated him in all respects as if he were his own son.

Mr. Storrs sustained a high character as a preacher; he was much afflicted with a nervous headache for many years, which prevented unremitted application to study. He was a good pastor, sound in the faith, and excelled in prayer. He was cheerful, affable, and much beloved by the young. He was a modest man; he declined preaching the Election sermon, to which he had been appointed. His first wife was daughter of Rev. Noah Williston of West Haven, Ct., and his second a granddaughter of his predecessor. Rev. Richard S. Storrs, D.D. of Braintree is his son, as was Rev. Charles B. Storrs, who at the time of his death was President of Western Reserve College.

Mr. Storrs died after a short sickness, very happily, on Sabbath evening, October 3, 1819, aged 56 years.

Longmeadow, Mass.,(East L.) Second Ch. Apr. 22, 1829

Rev. Calvin Foote 1831-35

Rev. Martyn Tupper

Rev. William E. Dixon,1852

Rev. Joshua R. Brown 1854-58 (See Lebanon)

Loudon, N.H. 1789

Rev. Jedediah Tucker of Canton, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1782 and was ordained October 21, 1789. His salary was 60 pounds; his settlement 30 acres of land and the use of the parsonage of 60 acres. Ministers in this state were then all settled by the town and the salary paid by a tax on all the property. Several entered their dissent to his settlement, being Baptists. He was dismissed October 21, 1809 on account of difficulties in respect to salary. He continued to reside here till he died, April 28, 1818, aged 57 years.

Loudon, N.H. Second Church August 14, 1828

Rev. Henry White of Wilbraham spent the early part of his life in Longmeadow, Mass., graduated at Bangor in 1823 and was ordained pastor of Jackson and Brooks (Maine) October 19, 1825. He was dismissed in 1828 and from that time to 1833 was pastor of the church in Gilead.(Me.) He was installed pastor of this church February 11, 1835 and dismissed in December, 1838. His ministry here was very success-

ful. He performed missionary labor, mostly in Maine, during the remainder of his life and died at Garland December 8, 1858, at the house of Rev. Mr. Thayer, of a short sickness, aged 67 years.

Lovell, Maine October 6, 1798

Rev. Valentine Little graduated at Dartmouth in 1811 and was ordained January 22, 1823. He was dismissed in 1834 and died in 1852, aged about 63 years.

Lowell, Mass. First Church June 6, 1826

This town (now a city) was incorporated in 1826. It was formerly a part of Chelmsford.

Lowell, Mass. Appleton St. Dec. 2, 1831

Rev. William Twining 1831-35

Rev. Uzziah C. Burnap of Windham, Vt. graduated at Middlebury in 1822, studied theology with Dr. Bates, President of the College, and was ordained pastor of the church in Chester, Vermont in 1824. In 1837 he was called to Lowell

and was installed July 6 of that year. In 1852 he was dismissed on account of ill health and died in Lowell August 11, 1854, aged 60 years. He struggled with poverty most of his life. He worked his way through college; his salary when he began to preach was about $150., and had risen only to $400. in 1836. He was obliged to forego the purchase of books and to rely upon the resources of his own mind. He was more successful than he would have been, if he had not been laborious and persevering.

He published the "Youth's Ethereal Director", and sermons on the seventh commandment.

Lowell, Mass.	John St.	May 9, 1839
	Kirk St.	May 21,1845
	High St.	January 22, 1846.

Lowell, Vermont January 10, 1816

Lubec, Maine September, 1818

Rev. Jonathan Bigelow 1821-26 (See Rochester)

Ludlow, Mass. 1789

This was a parish of Springfield till

1794.

Rev. Antipas Steward of Marlboro graduated at Harvard in 1760, studied theology at Cambridge, was a scholar of some eminence and read Hebrew with great fluency. He was ordained November 27, 1793 and dismissed in consequence of disaffection among the people in 1803. He removed to Belchertown, where he died, March 15, 1814, in the 81st. year of his age. Two of his daughters were members of the church in Belchertown. How Mr. Steward was employed between the time of his graduation and settlement I do not know. Tradition says he was employed in teaching. Rev. Mr. Howard of Springfield preached his ordination sermon from a text selected by the pastor elect, First Corinthians, 4:2. When he was dismissed he applied to Mr. Howard to preach from Revelations 2:13.

Ludlow, Vermont. September 6, 1806

Rev. Peter Read was a member of the church at the time of its organization and was chosen to the office of deacon. He was

a man of considerable talent and of devoted piety and, being licensed, was ordained in 1810. He was dismissed in 1826 and continued to reside in the place till he died.

Lunenburg, Mass. May 15, 1728

Rev. Andrew Gardner 1728-32 (See Worcester)

Rev. David Stearns graduated at Harvard in 1728 and was ordained April 13, 1733. He continued in office till he died, March 9, 1761, aged 52 years. He was a respectable and useful minister and his death was much lamented.

Rev. Samuel Payson, son of Rev. Phillips Payson of Walpole, N.H., graduated at Harvard in 1758 and was ordained September 8, 1762. He died of consumption February 14, 1763, aged about 26 years. He was a young man of much promise.

Rev. Zabdiel Adams of Quincy, a cousin of the President, John Adams, graduated at Harvard in 1759 and was ordained September 5, 1764. He continued in office till he died, March 1, 1801, aged 62 years. He was a man of a vig-

orous mind and had no small share of originality. He was an energetic and eloquent preacher; his prayers were pertinent and appropriate. He was eccentric, but had many excellencies, which endeared him to all who knew him.

He preached often on special occasions and published several sermons. He published a pamphlet in which he attempted to prove that the pastor has a right to negative the votes of a church just as the Governor vetoes an act of the legislature. Several clergymen adopted the same opinion.

Rev. Timothy Flint of Reading graduated at Harvard in 1800 and was ordained November 3, 1802. He was dismissed June 19, 1814. He was a number of years missionary in the Mississippi Valley and is well known as the author of "Recollections of the Last Ten Years in the Mississippi Valley", "History and Geography of the same", "Francis Barsion" and "George Mason". His genius was highly imaginative and poet-

ical and he had the power of embodying his impressions of outward scenes in glowing language. In 1839 he came East for medical advice and died in Reading, his native place, August 18 of that year, aged 60 years.

Lunenburg, Mass. Orthodox Church, June 10, 1835

Rev. Asaph Boutelle of Fitchburgh, born October 7, 1804, graduated at Amherst in 1828 and at Andover in 1831. He was ordained as an evangelist at Bradford, September 26, 1831, and labored as a missionary in Ohio twelve years. He was installed pastor of this church January 10, 1849 and was dismissed in January, 1851. He was installed at Peacham (Vt.) February 13, 1851 and continued there till he died, January 12, 1866, aged 61. He married Fidelia Eaton of Fitchburgh.

Lunenburg, Vermont 1802

Rev. John Willard, son of Rev. Dr. Willard of Stafford, Ct., graduated at Yale in 1782 and was pastor of the church in Meriden, Ct. from June, 1786 to 1802. He was installed

pastor of this church March 31, 1803. He was dismissed in 1822. His health not being good and his salary small, he spent some time for several years in the employ of the Home Missionary Society of Vermont; and being often applied to for medical aid and advice, he informed himself on that subject and assisted himself by the practice of medicine. He died in June, 1826, aged 66 years.

Lyman, Me. December 2, 1801

Rev. Jonathan Calef of Kingston, N.H. graduated at Dartmouth in 1787 and was pastor of the church in Bloomfield from June 11, 1794 to 1798. He was installed at Lyman Dec. 2, 1801 and dismissed May 11, 1831. He continued to reside in this place till he died, April 24, 1845, aged 83 years.

Lyme, Ct. 1727

This was formerly the Second Parish in Lyme and called Hamburg.

Rev. George Beckwith, probably of East Haddam, graduated at Yale in 1728 and was ordained in January, 1730. He ceased

to perform ministerial labor about 1785 and died in 1794, aged 87 years. He was a trustee of Yale College many years.

Rev. David Higgins of Haddam graduated at Yale in 1785, studied theology with Dr. Smalley, and Dr. Lyman of Hatfield, Mass., and was ordained October 17, 1787. He was dismissed in June, 1801 and went as a missionary to the state of New York. He was pastor of the church in Auburn from 1802 to 1808, and in Bath from 1812 to 1831. In 1835 he removed to Norwalk, Ohio, where he died suddenly June 18, 1842, aged 81 years. "As a preacher he was instructive, as a pastor faithful, and as a Christian consistent and humble".

Rev. David Huntington 1803-1812 (See Salem)

Rev. Josiah Hawes 1814-33 (See Cornwall)

Rev. Charles E. Murdock of Westbrook graduated at Yale in 1836, was ordained pastor of this church in June, 1842, and died December 15, 1843, aged 36 years.

Lyme, Ct. Grassy Hill 1757

This was one of the "strict Congrega-

tional churches".

Rev. Daniel Miner of Lyme was not a liberally educated man, his education was very limited. He had good common sense, sound judgment, fervid piety, a bold, popular address, was remarkably gifted in prayer, and was highly esteemed and influential among his people. He died May 27, 1799, aged 62 years.

Rev. Benjamin Graves 1812-17(See Middletown)

Rev. Seth Lee of Lyme was a farmer and preached gratuitously. He was ordained October 27, 1817 and died October 15, 1826 by casualty, aged 49 years. The council that ordained him were mostly from Long Island. He was regarded as a man of true piety and was useful as a Christian. After the death of Mr. Lee the church was destitute of a pastor twelve years.

Rev. Oliver Brown 1839-53 (See Kingston)

Lyme, N.H. May 22, 1771

Rev. William Conant of Bridgewater, Mass. graduated at Yale in 1770, studied theology with Rev. S. Conant of Middleborough, Mass., who was his uncle, and was ordained

December 22, 1773. He continued in office till he died, March 8, 1810, aged 67 years. He was a plain man, one of those who take a sort of pride in having no pride, in dressing shabbily and in using blunt and quaint expressions. Had he not been a good man and possessed of more than ordinary talent, the people would not have endured so much coarseness.

Rev. Nathaniel Lambert of Rowley, Mass. graduated at Brown in 1787, and was pastor of the church in Newbury, Vt. from 1790 to 1809. He was installed pastor of this church January 1, 1811 and was dismissed September 6, 1820. He resided here till he died in 1838, aged 74 years. In his personal appearance and manners he was the antipode of his predecessor. He was neat, precise and correct in all he said and did. He was considered by some particular to a fault. He was much opposed to the taxing of the property of ministers and this suggested to some of his parishioners that they would not be taxed for his support. This led to his dismission.

He married Abigail, daughter of Rev. Roger Newton of Greenfield, Mass.

Rev. Baxter Perry of Worcester, brother of Rev. Clark Perry, graduated at Harvard in 1817 and at Andover in 1820. He was ordained January 3, 1821 and died January 18, 1830, in the 38th. year of his age. In regard to manners and address he was a mean between the two extremes of his predecessors. He gave a blow to the monster Intemperance from which it has never recovered. He was a useful and successful minister. He married Lydia Grey of Worcester and had five children.

Lyndeborough, N.H. December 5, 1757

Rev. John Rand of Charlestown, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1748 and was ordained December 7, 1757. He was dismissed April 8, 1762 and died in Bedford, October 12, 1805, aged 78 years.

Rev. Sewall Goodridge of Lunenburg, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1764 and was ordained September 7, 1768. He continued there till he died, March 14, 1809, aged 65 years.

He was much respected by his people. During the Revolution, in consequence of the increased expense of living, the people, of their own accord, increased his salary.

Rev. Nathaniel Merrill of Rowley, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1809 and was ordained October 30, 1811. His ministry was very successful. He resigned his charge in July, 1835 for the purpose of entering another field of labor. He died in Wolcott, N.Y. July 4, 1839, aged 57 years.

Rev. Jacob White 1836-40

Rev. Ivory Kimball of Wells, Maine, was not a graduate of any college; he completed his theological course at Bangor in 1834, was pastor at Limington from 1834 to 1841, and of this church from December 28, 1842 to February 24, 1846. He was at Edgecomb (Me.) from 1851 till he died, July 24, 1853. He is said to have been a good man and labored with great earnestness.

Lyndon, Vermont November 30, 1817

Rev. Samuel G. Tenney 1825-31

Rev. Amos Blanchard 1833-36

Rev. William Scales of Lebanon, N.H.

graduated at Middlebury in 1832 and at Andover in 1837. He was pastor of this church from December 27, 1837 to 1841, of the church in Rochester from 1841 to 1847, and preceptor of an academy in Brownington from 1847 to 1851. He was at Conneaut, Ohio, from 1851 to 1856. He preached as stated supply at Lyndon from 1857(?) till he died January 27, 1864, in the 59th. year of his age. The last sermon he preached was from Deuteronomy 30:19.

Rev. William W. Thayer 1846-1852

Rev. Seth W. Bannister 1853-4 (See Ware)

Lynn, Mass. June, 1632

Rev. Stephen Bachilor was born in England in 1561 and came to this country in 1632. He became pastor of this church in 1633. Difficulties soon arose between him and a part of the church, in consequence of which he asked a dismission, which was granted. It was his intention to have organized a new church that would exclude his opponents. Not succeeding in his plan, he went to Yarmouth

on Cape Cod, and afterwards to Hampton, N.H. and was the pastor of that church from 1638 to 1641, when he was dismissed for improper conduct. He continued to reside there till 1647 and then went to Portsmouth. In 1650 he returned(to Hampton), where he died about 1660, aged about 100 years.

Rev. Samuel Whiting was born at Boston, England, graduated at Cambridge in 1616, preached a few years in that country and, fleeing from persecution, arrived at Boston May 26, 1636. He was ordained at Lynn soon after. He was a good Hebrew scholar and an elegant Latinist. He delivered a Latin oration at one of the commencements at Harvard. He devoted much time to the study of History. He was of a meek and peaceable disposition, and always carried a smile upon his countenance. His wife was a woman of eminent piety; she wrote out as much of the sermon as she could remember after meeting and lived it during the week. Mr. Whiting was ever ready to admonish the wicked and speak a word for the Master he served. Stopping one day at a public house, he heard the young people making merry in

an adjoining room; opening the door and looking in upon them, he said,- "Friends, if you are sure your sins are forgiven, you may wisely be merry." He suffered from the gravel several years and died December 11, 1679, in the 83rd. year of his age.

He married in England a daughter of Oliver St. John and had four sons and two daughters. Samuel was minister of Billerica and one of the daughters married Jeremiah Hobart of Topsfield.

Rev. Thomas Cobbet was born at Newbury, England, and was for a time a member of Oxford University. Leaving on account of fatal sickness that prevailed among the students, he did not return. He studied theology with Dr. Twiss and was settled in Lincolnshire, but was obliged to leave on account of ecclesiastical persecution and, coming to Boston in June, 1637, he was soon after settled colleague with his old friend, Mr. Whiting. In 1656 he received a call to Ipswich and, the people at Lynn not being well able to support two ministers, he accepted the invitation.

In 1657 he was one of thirteen elders that met at Boston to answer questions on ecclesiastical matters proposed by the legislature of Connecticut. The main question was one about Infant Baptism. In 1668 he was one of six ministers appointed by the General Court to argue with several Baptists in Boston against their particular tenets. He recommended the formation of the third church in Boston. Few ministers, and none in his day, published so much as he did. In 1645 he published a Defence of Infant Baptism and a treatise on Prayer; afterwards, on Toleration and the Duties of Civil Magistrates.

His talents, attainments, piety and usefulness gave him a high rank. He was regarded by his brethren and the magistrates one of the most prominent divines in New England. He was a man that could be depended on by the friends of truth. If they approved his principles once, they had no occasion to fear he would abandon them for any unholy reason. He died November 5, 1685, aged 77 years. He

left an estate of 607 pounds.

It was customary in those days to treat all that attended the funeral with wine, and in cold weather with spiced cider, and give gloves to particular friends. At Mr. Cobbet's funeral 1 barrel of wine, 2 barrels of cider, 82 pounds of sugar, and 48 pairs of gloves were given, at the expense of the town. He left a wife and four children. He was a man of prayer and received many remarkable answers to prayer.

Rev. Jeremiah Shepard was the fourth son of Rev. Thomas Shepard of Cambridge. He graduated at Harvard in 1669. He preached as a candidate for a time in Rowley and afterwards at Chebecco, now Essex. He probably would have settled there, but the General Court objected on the ground that he was not a member of any church. He went to Lynn in 1679 and was ordained October 6, 1680. In 1689 he represented the town in the General Court and is supposed to have been the first minister that held that office. He died June 2, 1720, aged 72 years.

He was one of those plain, honest men who adorn their station by the spotless purity of their characters. He left a name to which no one can annex a mirthful anecdote and which no one has attempted to sully by a breath of evil. He was indefatigable in his labors for the spiritual welfare of the people.

Rev. Nathaniel Henchman was a native of Boston and graduated at Harvard in 1717. He was ordained in December, 1720 and died December 23, 1761, having preached 41 years, aged 61 years.

He was a man of learning and in the early part of his ministry enjoyed the esteem and confidence of his people. He had some troubles with them in regard to his salary. At their request he relinquished a salary of 115 pounds in 1729 and left it to their generosity to give him what they pleased. The contributions to his support that year amounted to 143 pounds. He refused to admit Mr. Whitefield into his meeting house. The people were determined he should preach there and fitted

up a barn for the purpose. He published a pamphlet in which he stated his reasons for refusing to admit Mr. Whitefield, which was answered by Mr. Hobby of Reading and to which he replied. His course in relation to Mr. Whitefield and his refusal to hold any evening meetings, deprived him of the regard and affection of many of his people. He was an Arminian in doctrine and the church declined very much during his ministry.

Rev. John Treadwell, a native of Ipswich, graduated at Harvard in 1758 and was ordained March 2, 1763. He was dismissed in 1782. He took an active part in the affairs of the Revolution. In 1775 he carried his gun and cartridge box with him to church. On leaving Lynn he removed to Ipswich and in 1787 to Salem, where he died January 5, 1811, aged 73 years. He was a Senator and one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas. He was an Arminian in doctrine and the church grew weaker during his ministry.

Rev. Obadiah Parsons of Gloucester graduated at Harvard in 1768 and was ordained

pastor of the Third Church in Gloucester November 11, 1772. He was dismissed November 15, 1779 and installed pastor of this church February 4, 1784. He was dismissed again July 16, 1792 and engaged in teaching in his native place, where he died in December, 1801, aged 55 years. His reputation was not good. He married (1) Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Samuel Wigglesworth of Ipswich; and (2) Sarah Coffin of Gloucester. He had nine children.

Rev. Thomas C. Thacher, son of Rev. Peter Thacher, D.D. of Malden, graduated at Harvard in 1790, studied theology with his father, and was ordained August 13, 1794. His father preached the sermon, which was published. He was dismissed February 13, 1813, and was not settled again; he resided in Cambridgeport, where he died in 1849, aged 88 years.

Rev. Isaac Hurd 1813-16 (See Exeter)

Rev. Otis Rockwood of Chesterfield, N.H. graduated at Middlebury in 1813 and at Andover in 1817. He was ordained pastor of this church July 1, 1818 and dismissed June 6, 1832. He nobly sustained the cause of orthodoxy in this

ancient church and was a successful minister. He was pastor of the South Church in Woodstock, Ct. from 1834 to 1843. After this he preached as stated supply in various places, but was not again settled as pastor of a church. He died at Cambridge, December 30, 1861, aged 70 years; his disease was inflammation of the lungs; he was sick only four days. He sustained through life the character of a good minister of Jesus Christ.

Rev. David Peabody of Topsfield, graduated at Dartmouth in 1828, studied theology at Andover and Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, and was ordained November 15, 1832. Being afflicted with a pulmonary disease which was aggravated by the east winds of Lynn, he was dismissed April 22, 1835 and settled over the Calvinistic Church in Worcester July 15, 1835. Disease having marked him as her victim, he was obliged soon to resign his charge and to accept an appointment to the Professorship of Oratory and Belles Lettres in Dartmouth College. He entered upon his duties in 1838 and died October 15, 1839, aged 36

years.

He was intelligent, grave, dignified and conscientious in all his relations; thorough as a scholar, consistent as a divine, keenly sensitive in respect to all the proprieties of life and warm in his affections.

Rev. Parsons Cook of Hadley graduated at Williams College in 1822, studied theology with Dr. Griffin, and was ordained first pastor of the church in Ware Village, June 21, 1826. He resigned April 13, 1835, was pastor of the church in Portsmouth, N.H. a few months, and was installed pastor of this church May 4, 1836, where he continued till he died of gravel, February 12, 1864, in the 65th. year of his age.

He was a ready writer, an instructive and able preacher, and a well informed theologian. In 1839 he established in Boston a new religious paper called "The Puritan", to which afterwards the "Boston Recorder" was united and called "The Puritan Recorder" and afterwards "The Boston Recorder". He excelled in polemic theology and was always deeply in-

terested in doctrinal discussions. He received the degree of D.D. from Lafayette College in 1848 and from Williams in 1849. He published "Cook's Centuries" in two volumes, a History of the Anabaptists, "Necromancy", "Recollections of Griffin", besides many single sermons and pamphlets. He married (1) Hannah Starkweather of Williamstown, by whom he had no children; (2) Mrs. Miller, daughter of Rev. Dr. Woodbridge of Hadley.

Lynn, Mass. Central Church December 11, 1850
Chestnut St. Church 1857

Lynnfield, Mass. August 17, 1720

This was the Second Church in Lynn till 1782.

Rev. Nathaniel Sparhawk, a native of Cambridge, graduated at Harvard in 1715 and was ordained the day the church was organized. After a few years some of his people became dissatisfied and his friends, or those whom he supposed were, advised him to ask a dismission as the best means of pro-

ducing harmony. He followed the advice and, contrary to his expectations, it was granted. He was dismissed in 1731 and soon after took to his bed and died, it was thought, of disappointment, May 7, 1732, aged 38 years. He left three children; his son Edward graduated at Harvard in 1753 and was licensed to preach, but was never ordained.

Rev. Stephen Chase was a native of Newbury and graduated at Harvard in 1728. He was ordained November 24, 1731, dismissed in 1755, and installed at Newcastle, N.H. December 5, 1756, where he died January 6, 1778, aged 72 years.

Rev. Benjamin Adams of Newbury graduated at Harvard in 1738 and was ordained November 5, 1755. He died May 4, 1777, aged 58 years. He married (1) Elizabeth Payson; and (2) Rebecca Nichols, and had seven children.

Rev. Joseph Mottey of Salem graduated at Dartmouth in 1778 and was ordained September 24, 1782. He died July 9, 1821,

in the 66th. year of his age.

Rev. Joseph Searl 1824-27 (See Harrison)

Lynnfield, Mass. South Ch. January 18, 1854

Machias, Maine 1782

Rev. James Lyon of New Jersey graduated at Nassau Hall in 1759 and began to preach here December 5, 1771. He continued to preach in the midst of many privations and discouragements till he died, October 12, 1794, aged about 60 years. He was a faithful pastor, whose memory was long cherished by the people. He published a small manual of devotion, which is commendable to his talents and piety.

Rev. Clark Brown 1795-1797 (See Brimfield,Mass.)

Rev. Marshfield Steele of Hartford, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1790 and was ordained in 1800. He continued in office till he died in 1832, aged 60 years. He was sound in doctrine and a man of respectable talents and fervent piety.

Rev. Abraham Jackson 1821-34

Rev. Stephen D. Ward of Bloomfield, N.J. graduated at the College of New Jersey in 1819, studied theology at New Haven and, after teaching some years, was ordained pastor of this church December 11, 1834. He was dismissed in 1844. He preached as stated supply in several places and was installed pastor of the First Church in Agawam(Mass.) in October, 1853. He died in office, of pneumonia, June 11, 1858, aged 57 years. He was sound in doctrine, discreet and quiet, and unobtrusive in his manners. His voice was feeble, but his sermons were finished and scholarly.

Machisses or East Machias, Me. June 8, 1826

Machiasport, Me. January 25, 1831

Madison, Maine, March 17, 1826

Rev. Josiah Tucker of Milton, Mass. was not a graduate of any college. He was ordained the day the church was organized

and dismissed March 8, 1837. He preached after this at Bingham. He was pastor of the churches of Orange and Erving, Mass. from 1842 to 1844. He was then employed as a colporteur of the American Tract Society in Maine. He removed to Taunton, Mass. in 1852 and died there, September 9, 1856, aged 64 years. He fitted for college at Andover, Mass. and went through with the course of study at the Theological Seminary. He was a devoted minister and was the means of winning many souls to Christ.

Madison Mills, Me. March 24, 1858

Madison, Ct. November, 1707

This was a parish of Guilford, called East Guilford, till 1826.

Rev. John Hart of Farmington graduated at Yale in 1703 and was ordained at or near the time the church was organized. He continued in office till he died, March 4, 1731, aged 49 years. He was a man highly esteemed in his day; a scribe well in-

structed in the things of the Kingdom, had a serious religious spirit and excelled as a preacher.

Rev. Jonathan Todd of New Haven graduated at Yale in 1732, was ordained October 24, 1733, and continued in office till he died, February 24, 1791, in the 78th. year of his age. He married Elizabeth Couch of Fairfield and had no children. He was one of the council that ordained Rev. James Dana at Wallingford and published three pamphlets in that controversy. Six of his occasional sermons were also printed. He was a good scholar, especially in the languages, and an excellent preacher.

Rev. John Elliott of Killingworth graduated at Yale in 1786, studied theology with Rev. Mr. Mansfield in his native place, and was ordained November 2, 1791. He was a trustee of Yale College and deeply interested in its welfare. He was a man of distinguished prudence, of deep piety and a laborious and useful minister. He received

the degree of D.D. from Yale in 1822. He continued in office till he died, December 17, 1824, in the 57th. year of his age.

Rev. Samuel N. Shepard, son of Rev. Dr. Shepard of Lenox, Mass., graduated at Williams in 1821 and at Auburn in 1824. He was ordained pastor of this church November 2, 1825 and continued in office till he died, September 30, 1856, aged 57 years. He died suddenly of congestion of the brain, occasioned by taking an emetic to relieve him of headache. He was a faithful pastor, sound in doctrine, and a succesful minister. He married a daughter of Rev. Dr. Brace of Newington.

Rev. Samuel Fisk was born in Shelburne, Mass. July 23, 1828, graduated at Amherst in 1848, spent two years at Andover and was licensed by Franklin Association May 4, 1853. He was three years tutor in Amherst College and was ordained pastor of this church in June, 1857. When the war broke out he enlisted, and rose from Second Lieutenant to the rank of

Captain. In the battles in the Wilderness, May 6, 1864, he was severely wounded, and died at Fredericksburgh, Va., May 22, 1864, aged 36 years.

He was in many respects a remarkable man; a brilliant scholar, an elegant writer, an eloquent preacher, a devoted Christian and thoroughly loyal.

Madison, Ct. North Madison 1757

It was once called North Bristol.

Rev. Richard Ely 1757-85 (See Saybrook)

Rev. Beriah Hotchkin of Guilford was not a graduate of any college. He studied theology with Rev. Amzi Lewis of Goshen, N.Y. and, having been licensed to preach, he visited his native town, received a call to settle which he accepted, and was ordained August 17, 1785. The society being weak, he resigned in 1790 and was settled at Greenville, N.Y. He resigned his charge in 1824 and preached as stated supply in Western New York. He died at Prattsburgh of diabetes, January 28, 1829, aged 79 years.

Rev. Simon Backus 1792-1800(See Granby)

Rev. John Ely of Lyme graduated at Yale in 1786, was pastor of the church in Bethel, a parish of Danbury, from 1791 to 1807, and of South Salem, N.Y. till 1812. He was installed pastor of this church in 1812 and continued here till he died, November 2, 1827, aged 64 years. His death was occasioned by being thrown from a wagon upon his head. He continued senseless from Monday till Friday, when he ceased to breathe.

He was a man of good common sense and of a sound judgment. He was a safe guide to his people and a good minister.

Rev. David Metcalf, 1829-31

Rev. Jared Andrus, 1832-32(Nov.) (See Chaplin)

Malden, Mass. 1649

Rev. Marmaduke Matthews 1650-51(See Yarmouth)

Rev. Michael Wigglesworth was born in England in 1631. His father was among the New Haven colonists. He graduated at Harvard in 1651, settled at Malden in 1654, and continued here till his death, June 10,

1705, aged 74 years. He had three colleagues, the last of whom was removed in 1686.

John Farmer, the genealogist, somehow received the impression that Mr. Wigglesworth did not come to Malden till 1686, and therefore says he cannot tell where he lived and how he was employed from his graduation to that time. Mr. Wigglesworth was "respected in the pulpit for his modest, though lucid and energetic expositions of the Scriptures, and esteemed in the social circle for the suavity of his manners."

His health was poor; in the sermon preached at his funeral he is called the "shadow of a man"; he was obliged to be absent from his people often in the winter for the sake of a milder climate. These seasons of relaxation were spent in the study of medicine and in writing poetry. He published a poem entitled "The Day of Doom", consisting of 224 stanzas of 8 lines each, which went through six editions in this country and was republished

in England. He also published a poem entitled,- "Meat out of the Eater, or the Benfit of Afflictions". He was a man of eminent piety and talent, and a useful physician of the body and soul. He was thrice married and had six children, one of whom, Edward, was the first professor of Divinity in Harvard College. His first wife was a Miss Hobson of Rowley, and his third Sybil Sparhawk of Cambridge, who was the mother of Edward.

Rev. Benjamin Bunker was son of George Bunker of Charlestown. He graduated at Harvard in 1658 and was ordained a colleague with Mr. Wigglesworth December 9, 1663. His ministry was short; he died February 2, 1670, in the 35th. year of his age.

Rev. Benjamin Blackman was son of Rev. Adam Blackman of Stratford, Ct. and graduated at Harvard in 1663. He was associated with Mr. Wigglesworth from 1674 to 1679; there is no record of his ordination and the presumption is that he was merely a stated supply. After leaving Malden he went to Scarborough, Me., where he preached for a time. In 1683 he

represented Saco in the legislature, was a large land owner and the owner of all the mill privileges in that town on the east side of the river. He died March 20, 1715, aged about 60 years.

Rev. Thomas Cheever, son of the celebrated schoolmaster Ezekiel Cheever, is supposed to have been born at Ipswich. He graduated at Harvard in 1677, began to preach at Malden in February, 1680, and was ordained July 27, 1681. May 20, 1686, he was dismissed by an ecclesiastical council, being charged with scandalous immoralities. After living in retirement many years, he recovered the confidence of the community and resumed preaching. He was ordained pastor of the church in Chelsea, October 19, 1715 and continued in office till he died, November 27, 1749, aged 91 years.

Rev. David Parsons was the successor of Mr. Wigglesworth. There was great difficulty in supplying the vacancy occasioned by his death. They gave a call to several cler-

gymen who declined, it is supposed on account of the smallness of the salary. A presentment was made of the town by the Grand Jury for being without a minister. Mr. Parsons finally accepted their invitation and he was ordained in the spring of 1709. His salary was sixty pounds and the use of the parsonage. He was a native of Springfield and graduated at Yale in 1705. He was dismissed on account of the inadequacy of his support in 1721.

He was settled at Leicester in September, 1721 and was the first pastor of that church. His salary was seventy-five pounds, a gratuity of one hundred pounds, and about one hundred acres of land. He was a man of strong passions and the people probably did not take special pains to quell them when inflamed. His salary was not paid. He complained to the Court of Quarter Sessions in 1728; the people voted not to support him any longer and in 1731 petitioned the legislature for relief. The contest continued till March 6, 1735, when he was dis-

missed. He continued to reside there till his death in 1737 and by special direction was buried on his own land about 30 rods north of the meeting house, where his grave is still visible, refusing to be buried in the same enclosure with the people to whom he ministered.

Rev. Joseph Emerson was grandson of Rev. Joseph Emerson of Mendon and graduated at Harvard in 1717, aged 17 years. He became pious during his senior year. He taught school one year in York, Maine, and another in Newbury. He was ordained at Malden October 3, 1721, and soon after was married to Mary Moody of York, on which occasion her father, Rev. Samuel Moody, preached a sermon from this text,- "In the day of prosperity be joyful". In 1724 his house was burned and on the succeeding Sabbath Rev. Mr. Sewall preached from the other part of the text, "In the day of adversity consider". The great earthquake in 1727 produced a strong religious feeling in the parish, which resulted in the hopeful conversion

of 40 individuals.

He was a faithful and laborious minister and sustained the character of an eminently pious man. He died suddenly, July 13, 1767, aged 67 years. He had 9 sons and 4 daughters. Three of his sons, Joseph of Pepperell, William of Concord, and John of Conway, were ministers.

Rev. Peter Thacher, a son of Oxenbridge Thacher of Milton, graduated at Harvard in 1769 and was settled September 19, 1770, being little more than 19 years old. The people had been without a minister three years and were in a divided and distracted state. After hearing him preach one sermon they were so charmed with his silvery voice, his golden eloquence and youthful and engaging mien, that they gave him a call almost by acclamation. Whitfield called him the young Elijah and pronounced him the ablest preacher in the colonies. In 1785 he accepted a call to the Brattle Street Church, Boston. The people at Malden did not give him up without a struggle, and not

till the Boston church paid $1,000., the amount of their indebtedness to Mr. Thacher. He received the degree of D.D. from Edinburgh. He died December 16, 1802, at Savannah, Ga. of consumption, aged 50 years.

Rev. Adoniram Judson, 1787-91 (See Wenham)

Rev. Eliakim Willis, 1792-1801(See South Ch.)

Rev. Aaron Green, of Malden, graduated at Harvard in 1789, studied theology with Rev. Jason Haven of Dedham, and was ordained September 30, 1795. He resigned his charge August 8, 1827 and removed to Andover, where he died December 23, 1853, aged 89 years. He published a sermon on the death of Washington.

Rev. Alexander W. McClure was born in Boston and was a great-grandson of Rev. John Morehead. He spent two years in Yale College, went to Amherst and graduated in 1827. He was converted during his last term in college. An account of his conversion, written by himself, may be found in Abbott's "Corner Stone", page 321. He

graduated at Andover in 1830. After preaching in this place two years, he was ordained in 1832 and continued till 1843. During his ministry the church was much enlarged and strengthened.

He was pastor of a church in St. Augustine, Florida, two years and a half, and labored with good success among 300 soldiers then stationed there. He returned to Boston and for three or four years editor the "Christian Observatory", a periodical of his own. He was recalled to Malden, preached there some time, and then became pastor of a Dutch Reformed church in Jersey City. He continued there three years,- till 1855. He was obliged to resign, however, in consequence of ill health, in 1857. From that time till he died, October 20, 1865, aged 60 years, he was a great sufferer.

He was an accomplished scholar, an able divine, an exemplary Christian, an agreeable companion and a trustworthy friend. His eight years of suffering worked for his spirit-

ual good. The various Christian graces shone in him with a peculiar lustre. "He was eminently submissive, patient, mild, forgiving and Christlike. He lived in constant communion with God and died in triumph."

He married Miss Sarah Gould, daughter of Rev. Vinson Gould of Southampton, and had five children. He received the degree of D.D. in 1854.

Malden, Mass. South Church 1735

This church grew out of a division in regard to the location of a meeting house. It had three pastors and in 1792 united with the other church.

Rev. Joseph Stimpson, the first pastor of the new church, was born in Charlestown, graduated at Harvard in 1720, and was ordained September 14, 1735. He was frequently unable by reason of sickness to perform his duties, and was dismissed in 1744. He was a resident in the town in 1752, but when or where he died, I have not learned.

Rev. Aaron Cleaveland of Medford graduated at Harvard in 1735 and became pastor of the church in Middle Haddam, Ct. about 1739. He was installed pastor of this church in 1747. The church voted 1200 pounds, Old Tenor, to purchase a parsonage for his use. He remained here but a short time. He was dismissed October 19, 1750 and removed his family to Stoneham. He preached a while at Halifax, N.S., became an Episcopalian, went to Lewistown, Pa. and, returning for his family, died at Philadelphia in 1757, being about 45 years old.

Rev. Eliakim Willis of New Bedford graduated at Harvard in 1735 and was ordained in 1752. He was a worthy man and left a good name in the churches. He was so highly esteemed by the other church that the two were united under his pastoral care in March, 1793. He died March 14, 1801, aged 88 years. He laid the foundation of a parish library.

Malden, Mass. South Church March 16, 1848

Manchester, N.H. August 15, 1839

This town began to be settled in 1750. A Presbyterian church was organized May 27, 1828 and a Congregational church December 2, 1828. In August, 1839 these two churches were united. They had an aggregate of 28 members. This was about the time the water power began to be used for manufacturing purposes.

Manchester, N.H. Franklin St. Ch. June 27, 1844
" " Christian Mission Ch. Dec. 30, 1852

Manchester, Vt. September 12, 1784

Rev. Abel Farley graduated at Dartmouth in 1798 and was ordained February 6, 1805. The first revival of religion in the place occurred during his ministry. He was a pious and useful minister, but was dismissed in 1812 for want of support. He died very soon after,- the Dartmouth Triennial says in 1810.* One of these records is of course wrong; I take it for granted that the college record is right and that he was about 35 years old.

* Correct date is March 22, 1817.

Manchester, Mass. November 7, 1716

The people had preaching here as early as 1635, but no church organization and no settled pastor. Those who were professors of religion belonged to the church in Salem and went there on Communion Sabbaths.

Rev. Amos Cheever, son of Rev. Samuel Cheever of Marblehead, graduated at Harvard in 1707 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He was brother of Rev. Thomas Cheever of Malden. He was dismissed February 21, 1744. He was a member of the Assembly of ministers who met in Boston in 1743 and published their attestation that the revival of religion, then spreading in the country, was the work of God. I have not seen it so stated, but presume his dismission grew out of opposition to his being a friend and promoter of the revival. He died Jan'y 15, 1756, aged 69.

Rev. Benjamin Tappan, a native of Newbury, graduated at Harvard in 1742 and

was ordained December 11, 1745. He was the father of Rev. David Tappan, D.D., Professor of Divinity in Harvard University. He continued pastor till his death, May 6, 1790, at the age of 70 years.

Rev. Ariel Parish of Lebanon, Ct. graduated at Dartmouth in 1788 and was ordained April 4, 1792. His ministry was short; he died May 20, 1794, aged 30 years. He was strictly Calvinistic, firm but courteous towards those who differed from him.

Rev. Abraham Randall of Stow, graduated at Harvard in 1798 and was ordained September 2, 1802. He was dismissed in September, 1808. He studied theology with Prof. Tappan of Cambridge and Dr. Dana of Ipswich. After his dismission he returned to his native place, where he resided until his death, March 3, 1852, aged 80 years.

Rev. James Thurston of Exeter, N.H. was not a graduate of any college. He was ordained at Newmarket, N.H. October 15, 1800 and resigned May 31, 1808. He was installed here April 19, 1809 and dismissed June 17,

1819, after which he removed to his native place.

Rev. Samuel M. Emerson 1821-38 (See Chester)

Rev. Oliver A. Taylor, born in Yarmouth, spent his youth in Hawley, graduated at Union College in 1825 and at Andover in 1829. He was installed pastor of this church September 18, 1839, having been ordained as an evangelist the year previous. He was an eminent scholar and by his indomitable perseverance pressed his way through difficulties and discouragements till he attained a high rank among learned men. He was a good German scholar, translated many articles and some books from the German. He wrote many articles for the religious quarterlies and published a valuable catalogue of the library of the seminary at Andover. He wrote some poetical effusions.

He was a devoted and useful pastor and died much lamented December 18, 1851, aged 50 years. His health had been poor for many years, but in August, 1851 he was attacked with dysentery, from which he did not recover. A Memoir has been

published, which illustrates the pursuit of knowledge under difficulties. He married Miss Mary Cleaveland of Topsfield.

Manchester, Ct. July, 1779

It was a parish of East Hartford till 1823 and was called Orford.

Rev. Benaiah Phelps graduated at Yale in 1761 and was settled in 1780. He was dismissed in 1795 and went to Nova Scotia, where he died in 1817, aged about 76 years.

Rev. Salmon King, son of Gideon King of Bolton and great-grandson of John King, of Hartford in 1635, graduated at Yale in 1796, studied theology with Dr. Backus of Somers and was ordained as pastor of this church November 5, 1800. He was dismissed October 25, 1808. He was two years a missionary of the Connecticut Missionary Society. He was pastor of the church in Greensboro, Vt. from July 11, 1810 to January 25, 1814. He was pastor of a Presbyterian church in Warren, Pa. when he died-, April 15, 1836, aged 65 years.

Rev. Elisha B. Cooke of Otis, Mass. graduated at Williams College in 1811 and was settled in 1814. July 11, 1823 he was in the

field where men were at work and, in attempting to cross a brook on a pole, fell into the water and died. His wife was absent from home at the time. He was a faithful minister and eminently useful. He left one son who became a minister.

Rev. Enoch Burt 1824-28 (See Holland)

Manchester, Ct. Second Church Jan'y 8, 1851

Mansfield, Mass. February 23, 1737

Rev. Ebenezer White of Brookline graduated at Harvard in 1733 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He died February 18, 1761, aged 47. He was a nephew of Rev. John White of Gloucester. He was predisposed to pulmonary disease and was frequently unable to perform the duties of his office. The people became uneasy and some one moved in society meeting that he be requested to ask a dismission. The church stood by him and carried the vote in favor of his remaining. Afterwards there were some who complained that he did not govern the church according

to the platform. July 28, 1760 a vote was passed to request him to ask a dismission. He consented to relinquish his salary after October of that year and to be dismissed when a successor was called. He died in 1761, aged about 50. He was twice married and had five children.

Rev. Roland Green of Malden graduated at Harvard in 1758 and was ordained August 26, 1761. He continued in office till he died, July 4, 1808, in the 70th. year of his age. He married Miss Hannah Fairbanks of South Dedham, by whom he had seven children. His death occurred suddenly, while attending the celebration of American independence at Norton. He was a good man and lived in harmony with his people.

Rev. Richard Briggs of Halifax, graduated at Brown in 1804 and was ordained May 24, 1809. He studied theology with Dr. Richmond of Stoughton. He was dismissed on account of ill health December 8, 1834 and died July 5, 1837, aged 55 years. He sustained an irreproachable character; it is not known that

he had an enemy.

Rev. James M. Sayward of Gloucester is supposed not to have been a graduate of any college. He was ordained June 17, 1835 and dismissed June 17, 1837. He was settled in Fitzwilliam, N.H., where he died January 13, 1844, aged 36 years, and was buried at Mansfield, where his widow has since resided.

Mansfield, Mass. Orthodox Church May 9, 1838

Mansfield, Ct. October 18, 1710

Rev. Eleazer Williams, son of Rev. John Williams of Deerfield, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1708 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He was absent from home when Deerfield was burned by the Indians in 1704 and the family made captives. He married Miss Mary Hobart, by whom he had four daughters. Eunice married for her second husband Rev. John Storrs, of Long Island and father of Rev. Richard S. Storrs of Longmeadow, Mass.; Sarah, Rev. Hobart Estabrook of Willington; and Mary, Rev. Richard Salter, who educated Rev. R.S.Storrs of Longmeadow. Mr. Williams was a good man and faithfully performed his ministerial duties. He died

September 21, 1742, in the 55th. year of his age.

Rev. Richard Salter of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1739. He studied medicine and then theology, and was ordained June 27, 1744. He had some trouble with the Separatists and 24 of the members of his church were excommunicated before peace could be restored. He continued in office till he died, April 14, 1789, in the 66th. year of his age. He was a Fellow of Yale College and received the degree of D.D. in 1782. He married (1) Mary, the daughter of his predecessor, and (2) Mary, daughter of Rev. Solomon Williams of Lebanon. He was a man of distinguished ability.

Rev. Elijah Gridley of Berlin graduated at Yale in 1788 and was ordained pastor of this church in 1789. He was dismissed in 1796 and was installed at Granby, Mass. in May, 1797. He continued there till he died, June 10, 1834, aged 74.

He was a man of small stature, active and energetic, a useful and much respected minister. Rev. Ralph W. Gridley of Williamstown,

Mass. was his son.

Rev. John Sherman of New Haven, grandson of Hon. Roger Sherman, graduated at Yale in 1792; studied theology in part with Dr. Dwight, but chiefly with the eccentric David Austin, who was his uncle. He was ordained in November, 1797. He was then rigidly orthodox.

Soon after his settlement there was an extensive revival of religion in the parish and a large addition was made to the church. Soon after this, while reading MacKnight on the Epistles, his views of the Trinity began to be shaken, and still more by the reading of Priestly's works. He became an Arian, was dealt with by the Association and excluded from their fellowship. The Association notified the church of their doings and informed them that if they retained him as their pastor they should be obliged to withdraw from their fellowship. Mr. Sherman soon after had a call from Trenton, N.Y. and asked a dismission. The council was composed chiefly of men who sympathized with him and he was dismissed and recommended as a minister in good standing. He was dismissed in 1805, set-

tled at Trenton and died in 1828.

He published a volume of 200 pages entitled "Our God in One Person Only", and also a pamphlet respecting his difficulties at Mansfield. He became a Humanitarian before he died. He was a man of oonsiderable talent. He married Abigail, daughter of Jacob Perkins, and had seven children.

Rev. Samuel P. Williams of Wethersfield graduated at Yale in 1796, studied theology with President Dwight and Dr. Howard of Springfield, and was pastor of this church from 1807 to 1817. He preached some time at Northampton, Mass. and was installed at Newburyport February 8, 1821, and died in office December 23, 1827, aged 48 years. He was a man of great energy, decision and independence. He was eloquent and his style sometimes ornate, but an instructive and impressive preacher.

Mansfield, Ct. North Church October 11, 1744

Rev. William Throop graduated at Yale in 1743 and was ordained at or near the time the church was organized. He was dismissed

in 1746 and installed soon after at Southold, Long Island. He continued in office there till he died in 1756, aged about 36 years. He was a successful minister.

Rev. Daniel Welch of Windham graduated at Yale in 1749 and was ordained June 29, 1752. He continued in office till he died, April 29, 1782, aged 56 years.

He married Martha Cook. He was a good preacher and much beloved by his people. He died suddenly.

Rev. Moses C. Welch, son of the preceding, graduated at Yale in 1772 and was ordained June 2, 1784. He continued in office till he died, April 23, 1824, aged 70 years. He received the degree of D.D. from Dartmouth. He married: (1) Miss Chloe Ewers of Plymouth, by whom he had three children; (2) Miss Clarissa, daughter of Rev. Jonathan Ashley of Deerfield, Mass., by whom he had two sons; and (3)a daughter of Rev. Noadiah Russell.

Rev. William Ely 1825-41 (See Vernon)

Marblehead, Mass. October 13, 1684

This was a part of Salem; the people had preaching as early as 1637, but no distinct church.

Rev. Samuel Cheever, son of Master Ezekiel Cheever, graduated at Harvard in 1759 and began to preach here in 1668, but was not ordained till the church was organized. He was a man of good abilities, both natural and acquired, and a constant and zealous preacher. He was a man of a catholic spirit and would never join himself to any party in the town, but those that were for God and religion and against vice and immorality. He was a man of firm health and vigorous constitution, so that for fifty years he was not laid aside a single Sabbath. He lived till May 29, 1724, in the 85th. year of his age, when the lamp of life went out.

Rev. John Barnard, a native of Boston, graduated at Harvard in 1700 and was ordained colleague with Mr. Cheever July 16, 1716. Previous to this, in 1707, he had been a chaplain

in the army at Port Royal. In 1709 he went to England, became acquainted with some of the most distinguished dissenting ministers, and had the offer of a chaplaincy in Ireland. After his return to this country he expected to become pastor of the North Church in Boston. The church was built for him; he preached the dedication sermon, but Dr. Cotton Mather recommended a young man to them to be heard a few Sabbaths, with whose eloquence they were so much captivated that they declined giving Mr. Barnard a call. His feelings were very much injured. He never spoke of it afterward but with a pathos of resentment.

He published several occasional sermons, besides three volumes on doctrinal subjects. His style of writing was rather plain, but earnest and energetic. He prepared a version of Psalms to be sung in churches, but they were never used except by his own church. He was not a poet. He was acquainted with the sciences, paid considerable attention to mathematics and mural architecture. By economy and prudence he saved considerable property, though

he gave tithes of all he possessed. In his last will he left two hundred pounds to Harvard College.

He was a man highly esteemed in all the churches. He was remarkably erect and never bent under the infirmities of age. There was a dignity in his whole deportment; his presence restrained the folly of youths. He died January 24, 1770, in the 89th. year of his age.

Rev. William Whitwell graduated at Princeton, N.J. in 1758 and was ordained colleague with Mr. Barnard August 25, 1762 or, as another record says, in January. He was a very respectable, serious and worthy man, of strict integrity and good sense. He died, at a time when his services were greatly needed, November 8, 1781, at the age of 45 years.

Rev. Ebenezer Hubbard of Concord graduated at Harvard in 1777 and was ordained January 1, 1783. He continued in office till he died, October 15, 1800, aged 43 years. He was an able minister and a bright example of every social, moral and Christian virtue. His son Ebenezer

was settled in Newbury and Middleton.

Rev. Samuel Dana, son of Rev. Joseph Dana, D.D. of Ipswich and brother of Rev. Daniel Dana, D.D. of Newburyport, graduated at Harvard in 1796, studied theology with his father and was ordained October 7, 1801; had a colleague in 1832.

He continued to reside in the place till he died, August 16, 1864, aged 86 years and 3 months.

Marblehead, Mass. Second Church April 25, 1716

It will be seen that this church was organized about three months prior to the settlement of Mr. Barnard.

Mr. Edward Holyoke and Mr. Barnard both preached as candidates for settlement and a respectable minority being in favor of Mr. Holyoke, rather than have any difficulty, withdrew and formed a second church.

Rev. Edward Holyoke of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1705 and was ordained at the time the church was organized. Previous to this he had been several years a tutor at Harvard. He

was a man of uncommon ability and discharged his pastoral duties with great fidelity. He was a pious and useful minister. He continued pastor 21 years, or till 1737, when he accepted an appointment to the presidency of Harvard College. The Legislature gave the society 140 pounds as an indemnity for their loss or to assist them in procuring another pastor.

He sustained himself in his new situation with great ability. He was a popular president. He continued there till he died, June 1, 1769, being almost 80 years old. He continued to perform his official duties until ten months before his decease, but was confined to his bed only ten days. He married a Miss Rogers and had eight children.

Rev. Simon Bradstreet, son of Rev. Simon Bradstreet of Charlestown, graduated at Harvard in 1728 and was ordained January 4, 1738. He was an excellent scholar, but in the latter part of his life, owing to nervous disorders, was less animated in the delivery of his sermons and less disposed to mingle in society. Rev. Mr. Barnard

of the First Church, who was his cotemporary says,-"Mr. Bradstreet proves a most worthy, pious, devout Christian and faithful pastor; aiming and laboring to bring over people to God and Christ and holiness; has the hearty affections of his people, equal to what Mr. Holyoke had, and with whom I live in brotherly correspondence". He died October 5, 1771, aged 63 years.

Rev. Isaac Story of Boston graduated at Princeton in 1768 and was ordained May 1, 1771, colleague with Mr. Bradstreet. He continued pastor of the church till February 4, 1802, when he was dismissed and engaged in other business. He died October 23, 1816, aged 67 years. His wife was a daughter of his predecessor. He published some sermons and some political addresses.

Rev. Hezekiah May of Haddam, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1793, studied law, and afterward becoming pious studied theology with Dr. Smalley of Berlin, Ct., was ordained at Marblehead June 22, 1803 and dismissed January 27, 1808. He is said

to have preached a few years in Brownville, Maine, to have removed from there to the state of New York, and then to Pennsylvania, where he died in 1843, being more than 70 years old.

This is now a Unitarian church.

Marion, Mass. 1686

This was the First Parish in Rochester till 1853, when it became a town.

Rev. Samuel Arnold was the first pastor, but in the absence of authentic records it is difficult to trace his history. The American Quarterly Register says he was settled in 1703; Farmer's Genealogical Register says he was ordained in 1684 and died before 1717. From a comparison of all I can find on the subject I conclude he was the son of Rev. Samuel Arnold of Marshfield; that he did not graduate at any college; that he was born May 9, 1649, was one of the first settlers of what is now called Marion; may have commenced preaching in 1684, but was not ordained at that time, unless it shall be found that the church was organized as early as that. The probability is that he was dismissed in 1703,

or certainly before 1710. He must have been at his decease between 63 and 67 years of age.

Rev. Timothy Ruggles of Roxbury graduated at Harvard in 1707 and was ordained November 22, 1710. He continued in office till he died, October 28, 1768, aged 84 years. He was the father of Brigadier General Timothy Ruggles of Hardwick.

Rev. Jonathan Moore of Oxford graduated at Harvard in 1761 and was ordained September 7, 1768. He was dismissed in 1792, but continued to reside in the place till he died, April 20, 1814, aged 75 years.

The village in which the first settlements were made was called Sippican, which is now Marion. At the close of Mr. Moore's ministry the people at Rochester Center had become so numerous that it was thought expedient that there should be preaching there a part of the time. It will be seen that his successor divided his labors between the two settlements.

Rev. Oliver Cobb of Kingston graduated at Brown University in 1796 and was ordained at Rochester February 6, 1799. He continued in

the active duties of his office 43 years and was pastor full 50 years. He prepared his semi-centennial sermon, but through infirmity was unable to preach it. He died June 23, 1849, in the 80th. year of his age. He was strictly Calvinistic in doctrine; as a preacher he was clear and convincing, neither afraid nor ashamed to declare the whole counsel of God. He was an efficient minister of the New Testament. He was honored for his intelligence, judgment, the purity of his motives and his devoted piety.

He has one son settled in the ministry in Ohio and another pastor of this church. He received the degree of D.D. from Brown in 1834. The church at the time of his ordination worshipped at two places and he preached in each village alternately until 1827, when they became two churches, the South and the Centre. Dr. Cobb remained with the South till he died.

Marlborough, Mass. October 3, 1866

Rev. William Brimsmead was a native of of Dorchester; he was a member of the class that

graduated at Harvard in 1648, but left with several others the preceding year without a degree, being dissatisfied with the rule that required a residence of four years instead of three. In 1665 he preached at Plymouth and was invited to settle there, but declined the invitation and was ordained at Marlborough October 3, 1666. His salary was from 40 to 45 pounds.

He is spoken of as a well accomplished servant of Christ. He preached the Election sermon in 1681, which was printed. He kept a journal in Latin from 1665 to 1695. Tradition says he uniformly refused to baptize children born on the Sabbath. He was never married. He was highly esteemed among his brethren and his counsel was always asked by the magistrates in a time of difficulty. During the latter part of his life he was unable to supply the pulpit. He died July 3, 1701, Commencement Day; his age is not known, probably 75.

Rev. Robert Breck of Dorchester graduated at Harvard in 1700 and was ordained October 24, 1707. He was regarded as one of

the eminent ministers of his day. He preached the Election sermon in 1728 and five occasional sermons of his were printed. He died January 6, 1731, having just commenced the 49th. year of his age. He preached at Marlborough three years before he was ordained. During his last sickness the church observed a day of fasting and prayer for his recovery.

"In his conduct he was prudent and careful of his character, both as a minister and a Christian; rather sparing of speech and more inclined to hear and learn from others". He married Elizabeth Wainwright of Haverhill; his son Robert was pastor of the church in Springfield and one of his daughters married Rev. E. Parkman of Westborough.

Rev. Benjamin Kent of Charlestown graduated at Harvard in 1727, was ordained October 27, 1733, and dismissed by a mutual consent February 4, 1735. After his dismission he sued the town for his settlement, which remained unpaid. It was allowed him by the Court.

The people became very much divided and were without a pastor several years. Mr. Kent studied law, became celebrated for his wit and eccentricity; at the commencement of the Revolution, being a Tory, he removed to Halifax, N.S., where he died in 1788, aged 81 years.

Rev. Aaron Smith of Ipswich graduated at Harvard in 1735 and was ordained June 11, 1740. After laboring 38 years he was dismissed on account of ill health, April 29, 1778, and resided with his son-in-law, Rev. Mr. Bridge, in what is now called Wayland, where he died March 25, 1781, in the 68th. year of his age.

Rev. Asa Packard of North Bridgewater graduated at Harvard in 1783 and was ordained March 23, 1785. After peacefully laboring among the people 21 years, they became unhappily divided about the location of a new meeting house, which resulted in his dismission in 1806. He was installed pastor of the new church that was gathered in the west part of the town November 3, 1808 and dismissed in April, 1834. He then removed

to Lancaster, preaching occasionally till he died, March 20, 1848, aged 84 years.

Rev. Sylvester F. Bucklin of Seekonk graduated at Brown in 1805, studied theology with Dr. Fobes of Raynham and was ordained November 2, 1808. He resigned June 20, 1832, and continued to reside in the place, a good and useful citizen, till he died in May, 1860, aged 76 years.

Rev. Charles Forbush of Upton graduated at Amherst in 1829, at Andover in 1832 and was ordained March 26, 1833. He was dismissed in about 7 months and settled immediately after in Northbridge, where he died much lamented September 9, 1838, aged 35 years.

Rev. John N. Goodhue of Salem graduated at Amherst in 1831 and was ordained May 4, 1836. He continued in office till he died, September 13, 1839, aged 29 years.

Rev. George E. Day 1840-48

Rev. David L. Ogden 1848-51

Rev. Levi A. Field of Leverett graduated at Amherst in 1846 and at Andover in 1849. He preached as stated supply to a

small church in West Springfield almost two years, was ordained pastor of this church August 31, 1853, and labored acceptably and successfully till he died of congestion of the brain, October 22, 1859, aged 38 years. He was a modest and unassuming young man and endeared himself to all that knew him.

Marlborough, Mass. West Church, March 5, 1808

Rev. Asa Packard 1808-19 (See First Ch.)

This church is now Unitarian.

Marlborough, N.H. November 11, 1778

Rev. Joseph Cummings of Topsfield, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1768 and was ordained at the time the church was organized. He was dismissed December 30, 1780, on the ground of unfaithfulness, of being unexemplary in his walk, imprudent in conversation, rash and profane. His influence left its blighting effects upon the people. They were without a pastor 13 years. He died in 1790, aged 38 years.

Rev. Halloway Fish of Upton, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1790 and was or-

dained September 5, 1793. He continued in office till he died, September 1, 1824, aged 62 years. He married Miss Hannah Harrington of Westborough and had no children. He was a decided Hopkinsian in his theological views, devout in spirit and exemplary in his life. He was a man of sound judgment, but not a popular preacher. His salary was 70 pounds and his settlement 170 pounds.

Marlborough, Ct. May, 1749

Rev. Elijah Mason 1749-62(See Cheshire)

Rev. Benjamin Dunning 1764-75 (See Saybrook)

Rev. David Huntington 1775-97 (See Salem)

Rev. David B. Ripley of Pomfret graduated at Yale in 1798 and was ordained pastor of this church in 1807. He was dismissed in 1827 and went West. He died at Endor, Illinois, September 4, 1839, aged 63 years.

Rev. Chauncey Lee 1828-36(See Colebrook)

Marlborough, Vermont 1776

Rev. Gershom C. Lyman of Lebanon, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1773 and was ordained December 9, 1778. He continued in office

till he died, April 13, 1813, aged 61 years. He received the degree of D.D. from Middlebury in 1812. He was a useful and highly esteemed minister.

Rev. Ephraim H. Newton was born at Newfane, Vt. June 13, 1787. He worked in his father's blacksmith shop and learned English grammar while blowing the bellows. He graduated at Middlebury in 1810 and at Andover in 1813. He began to preach in this town in October and was ordained March 6, 1814. In the autumn of 1832 he received a call to a church at Glen Falls, N.Y. and was dismissed in January, 1833. After a pastorate there of three and a half years, he became pastor of a Presbyterian church in Cambridge, N.Y. He resigned in August, 1843 and was principal of the academy in that place for five years. He was fond of Natural Science and had a collection of mineralogical and geological specimens valued at $3,000., which in 1857 he presented to the theological seminary at Andover, Mass. He presented his library to Middlebury College,

from which in 1862 he received the degree of D.D. He preached as stated supply in several churches in Vermont and in 1862 was a member of the state legislature. He died at Cambridge, N.Y. October 26, 1864, aged 77 years.

He married Huldah, daughter of Maj. Gen. T. F. Chipman of Shoreham, Vt., by whom he had four children. His wife died in 1853.

Marlow, N.H. 1823

This church is now extinct; its members united with the church in New Alstead.

Mason, New Hampshire 1772

Rev. Jonathan Searle of Rowley, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1764 and was ordained October 14, 1772. He was dismissed May 4, 1781 in consequence of unhappy difficulties between him and the people. He ceased to preach, was a civil magistrate and resided in the town till he died, December 7, 1812, aged 68 years.

Rev. Ebenezer Hill of Cambridge, Mass.

graduated at Harvard in 1786 and was ordained November 3, 1790. He continued in office till he died, May 27, 1854, aged 88 years. He studied theology with Rev. Seth Payson, D.D. His piety was truly Scriptural. He reverenced God and ever treated His name and attributes with sacred awe; he was a man of prayer and spent much time in secret devotion. He had three colleagues.

He married: (1) Mary Boynton of Westford; (2) Mrs. Rebecca (Bancroft) Howard of Tyngsboro', Mass.; and (3) Mrs. Abigail (Jones) Stearns of Bedford, Mass. They had 6 sons and 8 daughters.

"He loved to preach. He made it the all engrossing business of his life. Rarely have we seen one who took so much delight in it as he. He was ready and eager to preach when the opportunity offered. As a pastor he exhibited some rare qualities. He was a faithful shepherd of the flock under his care. His pastoral visits were highly esteemed and

very profitable; for he carried the spirit of the Master with him everywhere."

Rev. Andrew H. Reed, 1836-39

Rev. Joseph B. Hill, son of Rev. Ebenezer Hill, born November 25, 1796, graduated at Harvard in 1821. He taught in Milton, Mass., an academy near Baltimore, went to Fayetteville, Tenn., finished his law studies and was admitted to the bar in 1828. He published Hill's Almanac from 1825 to 1860.

In 1830 he was converted and united with the Cumberland Presbyterians; in 1831 he was ordained an Elder. In 1840 he returned to Mason, was invited to become his father's colleague, and was installed as such October 20, 1841. He was dismissed April 22, 1847 and labored in Colebrook and Stewartstown and in the region round about for fifteen years. He was an earnest man and was successful in winning souls to Christ. In March, 1864 he went to Chattanooga in the service of the Christian Commission,

where he labored with great acceptance. In stepping from one car to another at Chattanooga, he fell and the car ran over his arm near the shoulder, crushing it to powder. Amputation was necessary, but the shock to his system was so great that he lived only two days. He died June 16, 1864, aged 68 years. He was a consistent, devoted and faithful minister.

Mason, N.H. Village June 3, 1847

Rev. William Olmsted of Colchester, Ct. graduated at Union Theological Seminary in 1847 and was ordained April 11, 1849. He died at his native place, June, 1851, aged 30 years. His labors during this brief pastorate resulted, by the blessing of God, in the conversion of many souls, 37 of whom he received to the church.

Marshpee, Mass. August 17, 1670

This is an Indian Reservation. (See account of Marshpee later on, after Marshfield.)

Marshfield, Mass. 1632

This was a colony from the Plymouth church. Rev. Richard Blinman preached here some time, but was not a settled pastor.

Rev. Edward Bulkley, 1642-58 (See Concord)

Rev. Samuel Arnold of England resided at Sandwich, and at Yarmouth for a time, and was settled here in 1658 or 9. He continued pastor till his decease, September 1, 1693, aged 71 years. I suppose him to have been the father of Rev. S. Arnold of Marion.

Rev. Edward Thompson, a grandson of Rev. William Thompson of Quincy, graduated at Harvard in 1684 and was ordained October 14, 1696. He died March 10, 1705, aged 40 years. He was a man highly esteemed for his learning and piety. A volume of his meditations and discourses was published in 1712, in the preface to which he is said to have been a pattern of all the Christian graces.

Rev. James Gardner of Scotland was installed May 14, 1707 and continued there

till he died, September 16, 1739.

Rev. Samuel Hill of Malden graduated at Harvard in 1735 and was ordained July 16, 1740. He was dismissed November 20, 1751 and installed at Rochester, N.H., November 19, 1760, where he died November 19, 1764, aged 50 years.

Rev. Joseph Green, son of Rev. Joseph Green of Barnstable, graduated at Harvard in 1746 and was ordained February 21, 1753. He was dismissed January 9, 1759 and died in 1768, aged about 42 years.

Rev. Thomas Brown, son of Rev. John Brown of Haverhill, graduated at Harvard in 1752 and was ordained September 5, 1754. He was dismissed November 1, 1763 and died October 18, 1797, aged 64 years. He married widow Lydia Hammond. He was pastor at Westbrook, Maine, from 1765 till he died.

Rev. William Shaw of Bridgewater graduated at Harvard in 1762 and was ordained April 2, 1766. He continued in office till he died, July 1, 1816, aged 73 years. He received the

degree of D.D. from Harvard in 1816. He published two sermons.

Rev. Martin Parris of Pembroke graduated at Brown in 1790 and was employed in teaching till he was about fifty years old. He was ordained January 29, 1817. He died in 1839, aged 72 years.

Marshfield, Mass. North Church 1739

Rev. Atherton Wales of Braintree graduated at Harvard in 1726 and was ordained in 1739. He continued in office till he died, November 29, 1795, aged 92 years.

Rev. Elijah Leonard of Raynham graduated at Yale in 1783 and was ordained January 11, 1789. He continued in office till he died, in the spring of 1834, aged 74 years.

Marshfield, Mass. East Church July 4, 1835

Marshpee, Mass. August 17, 1670

This is an Indian reservation. It is called a district and not a town and is

the largest settlement of Indians in the state.

Elliot, the Indian Apostle, was present at the organization of this church. There is a river in this town called Cotuit. There is another small settlement at Herring Pond, between Plymouth and Sandwich. The pastor of the church at Marshpee spends two months in the year at Herring Pond and in the Minutes of General Association the church is designated as "Cotuit and Herring Pond".

Rev. Richard Bourne of England was at Sandwich as early as 1658. He was a man of considerable wealth and interested himself in the spiritual and temporal welfare of the Indians. He learned their language and procured a deed of the town to the Indians, so drawn that no part of it can be sold to a white man without the consent of every Indian. He was ordained pastor of the church the day it was organized. The members of it were Indians who had been converted by his labors. He died in 1685 and was buried at Sandwich, where he had

a house. He received a salary of 25 pounds from the Society for Propagating the Gospel.

Rev. Simon Popmanet, an Indian of Marshpee, succeeded Mr. Bourne in 1686 and continued pastor of the church till his death in 1726.

Rev. Joseph Bourne of Marshpee, grandson of Rev. Richard Bourne, graduated at Harvard in 1722 and was ordained in 1729. He resigned his mission in 1742, but resided there still and died in 1767, being about 67 years old. He left no children.

Rev. Solomon Bryant of Marshpee, an Indian, became pastor of the church in 1744. He was a very sensible man and a good preacher, but was no economist and very poor. He resigned about 1758 and died May 8, 1775, aged 80 years.

Rev. Gideon Hawley of Bridgeport, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1749 and was a missionary to the Indians in the state of New York, having been ordained to that work in Boston February 5, 1752. In consequence of the French and Indian War he was obliged to return to New England

in 1756. He spent some time at Stockbridge and came to this place in 1758, where he continued his labors till he died, October 3, 1807, aged 80 years. He was a man of talent and very useful. He was twice married and had five children by his first wife.

Rev. Phineas Fish of Sandwich graduated at Harvard in 1807 and was ordained September 18, 1813. He studied theology with Rev. John Simpkins of Brewster. He was a Unitarian at the time of his settlement, but in a few years was convinced of his error and hopefully converted. He was a very modest, retiring man and inclined to sit at the feet of others. He was firm in all matters of duty. Being ejected from the meeting house by the Baptist Indians, he preached in the school house. He died June 16, 1854, in the 68th. year of his age.

Mattapoisett, Mass. October 29, 1740

Rev. Ivory Hovey was born at Topsfield and graduated at Harvard in 1735. He was ordained October 29, 1740,

at which time I suppose the church to have been organized. In consequence of sectarian influence he was dismissed in 1769 and was resettled the next year at Manomet church in Plymouth, where he said he "lived peaceably and comfortably". He kept a diary comprised in nine octavo volumes of 700 pages, continued through 65 years. While at Manomet he studied medicine and became a useful and skilful physician. He was an exemplary Christian, a venerable man, and died greatly lamented, April 4, 1803, in the 90th. year of his age.

Rev. Lemuel LeBarron of Plymouth graduated at Yale in 1768 and was ordained January 29, 1772. He had a colleague settled in 1832, but though more than four score years old, he superintended the Sabbath School and was devoted to the spiritual improvement of the young. He was a venerable man and highly esteemed by all that knew him. He died in 1836, aged 89 years.

Medfield, Mass. 1651

Rev. John Wilson 1651-91(See Dorchester)

Rev. Joseph Baxter of Braintree graduated at Harvard in 1693 when 17 years old, and commenced preaching at Medfield at the age of 18. On account of his youth his ordination was delayed till April 1, 1697. In 1717 Gov. Shute made a treaty with the Indians on Arousic Island and presented Mr. Baxter to them as a missionary, but Ralle, a Jesuit priest, prejudiced the Indians against him, so that he returned to Medfield and continued his labors there till his death, May 2, 1745, aged 69. He preached the Election sermon in 1727.

Rev. Jonathan Townsend was son of Rev. Mr. Townsend of Needham, graduated at Harvard in 1741 and was ordained October 23, 1745. He was dismissed in 1769 and died of small pox in 1776, aged 61 years. He published two sermons. He married Sarah Allen of Newton.

Rev. Thomas Prentiss, son of Rev. Joshua Prentiss of Holliston, graduated at Harvard in 1766 and was ordained October 31, 1770. He received from Harvard the degree of D.D. He published 12 sermons. He died February 28, 1814,

aged 67 years. He studied theology with his father. He was twice married; first, to Abigail Bigelow of Weston; and second, to Mary Scolley of Boston. He had nine children. He was a man of good natural abilities, a scribe well instructed and distinguished for consistency of character.

Rev. Daniel C. Sanders 1815-29(See Vergennes)

Medfield, Mass. Orthodox Church Feb'y 7, 1828

Rev. Arthur Granger 1831-32(See Middletown)

Rev. Walter H. Bidwell, 1833-36

Rev. Charles Walker of Rindge, N.H. graduated at Dartmouth in 1823 and at Andover in 1826. He was pastor of the church in New Ipswich, N.H. from February, 1827 to August, 1835 and of the church in Medfield, Mass. from June 21, 1837 to 1838.
He died at Groton, October 23, 1847, aged 52 years. He married a daughter of Rev. Samuel Walker of Danvers. She also died in Groton in June, 1861.

Medford, Mass. February 11, 1713

There was preaching regularly on the

Sabbath under the direction of Boston ministers 80 years prior to the organization of the church.

Rev. Aaron Porter of Hadley graduated at Harvard in 1708 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He married Susan Sewall of Salem, a niece of Chief Justice Sewall; by her he had four children. Two of his daughters married Clevelands, of whom there are many descendants. He died of fever, January 23, 1722, aged 33 years. His ministry was peaceful and useful.

Rev. Ebenezer Turell of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1721 and was ordained November 25, 1724. He studied theology with Dr. Coleman, whose daughter he married for his first wife. His second wife was Lucy Davenport, his third Mrs. Jane Tyler, a daughter of Wm. Pepperell of Kittery, Me. He had four children by his first wife, all of whom died young. He continued in office till he died, December 8, 1778, aged 77 years. He

He published a Memoir of Dr. Coleman and of his first wife, an essay on Witchcraft

and one sermon. He was a warm opposer of Whitefield. In his preaching he was clear and direct and made free use of quotations from the Scriptures.

Rev. David Osgood of Andover graduated at Harvard in 1771 and was ordained September 24, 1774. There was considerable opposition to his settlement on account of his Calvinism. During the latter part of his ministry there was no complaint of that sort. His views were considerably modified. He exchanged with Orthodox and Unitarian ministers. He studied theology at Cambridge, was a man of great eminence, a strong Federalist of the old school, preached many political sermons and published about 20 sermons. A volume was published after his decease. He received the degree of D.D. from Yale in 1797. He married Hannah Breed of Charlestown, by whom he had four children. He died December 12, 1822, aged 76 years. Soon after the settlement of his successor, the Evangelical portion of the church withdrew.

Medford, Mass. Second Church October 6, 1823

(Medford, Second Ch.)

Rev. Aaron Warner 1824-32

Rev. Gordon Winslow 1833-34

Rev. Levi Pratt 1835-37(See Hatfield)

Medford, Mass. Mystic Church July 6, 1847

Rev. Abner B. Warner of Northampton graduated at Williams College in 1833, studied theology at Gilmanton, and was pastor of the church in Milford, N.H. from 1839 to 1846. He resigned on account of ill health and was installed here October 27, 1847. He died May 26, 1853, aged 39 years. He was a much respected and useful minister.

Medway, Mass. November, 1715

Rev. David Deming of Wethersfield, Ct. graduated at Harvard in 1700, was ordained in November, 1715 and dismissed September 24, 1722. He left no records and no "footprints on the sands of time". It is not known when he died. He was born July 20, 1681.

Rev. Nathan Bucknam of Malden, graduated at Harvard in 1721 and was ordained December 29, 1724. He received a call before

he was 21 years old and delayed giving an answer for several months because he was a minor. He died February 6, 1795 in the 92nd. year of his age and 71st. of his ministry. He published two sermons.

Rev. Benjamin Green of Waltham graduated at Harvard in 1784 and was ordained colleague of the venerable Bucknam June 25, 1788. He resigned his charge February 28, 1793, studied law and removed to Berwick, Me., where for many years he was a judge and sustained various civil offices. He died in October, 1837, aged 73 years.

Rev. Luther Wright of Acton graduated at Harvard in 1796 and was ordained pastor of this church June 13, 1798. He was dismissed in 1815 and installed at Barrington, R.I. January 29, 1817. He was dismissed in 1821 and, after supplying the pulpit for a time in Tiverton, he removed to Woburn, where he died June 21st., 1858, aged 88 years.

He studied theology with Prof. Tappan of Harvard College and was in the early part

of his ministry an Arminian, but afterwards Calvinistic. He was a true man and a successful preacher. He married Anna, daughter of Rev. Josiah Bridge of East Sudbury.

Rev. Luther Bailey of Canton graduated at Brown in 1808 and was preceptor of an academy in Taunton several years. He was ordained pastor of this church November 20, 1816 and continued in office twenty years. He died in this town December 19, 1861, aged 78 years.

Medway, Mass. Second Church, October 4, 1750

Rev. David Thurston of Wrentham graduated at Princeton College in 1751 and was ordained June 23, 1752. In consequence of ill health and difficulties that had grown out of the great revival of 1740, he resigned his charge February 22, 1769 and removed to Oxford, where he purchased a farm for 700 pounds. He subsequently removed to Auburn and finally to Sutton, where he died May 5, 1777, aged 51

years. He was the father of five children. He was deficient in that sort of energy that is needful to meet and stand up against difficulties. He chose rather to flee from them.

Rev. David Sandford of New Milford, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1755 and commenced the study of theology with Dr. Bellamy, but finding himself destitute of grace, he relinquished the study and settled on a farm in Great Barrington under the ministry of Dr. Hopkins. He married Bathsheba Ingersoll of that place, sister of Dr. Hopkins's wife. Dr. Hopkins's preaching aroused the enmity of his heart and when his wife's father died he made some trouble about the settlement of the estate, which provoked Dr. Hopkins and led him to speak somewhat rashly. The next morning early Dr. Hopkins went to his house, confessed his fault and with tears asked forgiveness. Mr. Sandford was overcome, convicted of his own sinfulness, became a sincere Christian, completed his theological studies, and was ordained April 14, 1773. Dr. West of

Stockbridge preached the sermon. He was chaplain in the army for a time. In 1807 he became a paralytic, which disenabled him entirely. He died April 7, 1810, in the 73rd. year of his age. He was the father of ten children, one of whom, Bathsheba, was the wife of Rev. Ethan Smith.

He was a man of superior talent, a good speaker, and preached with great plainness and fidelity.

Melrose, Mass. July 11, 1848

Rev. Stillman Pratt 1849-51

Rev. Alexander J. Sessions 1854-59

Rev. Edward H. Buck, son of Rev. J. J. Buck of Jewett, N.Y., graduated at Bangor Theological Seminary in 1857, preached a year in East Machias and was ordained pastor of this church in September, 1859. He died at the residence of his brother in Malden, N.Y. January 23, 1861, aged 30 years. He had just recovered from a fever and went to his brother's to rest a while, had a relapse and died. As a writer and preacher he was unusually gifted.

Mendon, Mass. 1667

Rev. Joseph Emerson of Ipswich was not a graduate of any college. He was ordained in 1667. He left Mendon in 1675, the settlement being then broken up by Philip's war. He removed to Concord, where he died January 3, 1680, aged 42 years. In 1665 he married a daughter of Rev. Edward Bulkley. He left three children. Rev. Joseph Emerson of Malden was his grandson.

Rev. Grindal Rawson, son of Secretary Rawson, graduated at Harvard in 1678 and began to preach at Mendon in October, 1680. About 20 families had returned and recommenced the settlement. He was not ordained till April 7, 1684. After a successful ministry of 34 years, he died February 6, 1715, on the Lord's Day about sunset, aged 56 years. His funeral sermon was preached by his classmate, Cotton Mather, in which he is spoken of as a great and good man.

He preached regularly to the Indians in his neighborhood in their own language. He, with Rev. Mr. Danforth of Taunton, was appoint-

ed to visit the Indians in Massachusetts Bay to ascertain their condition and report to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Indians. His wife was a daughter of Rev. John Wilson of Medfield. He left eleven children.

Rev. Joseph Dorr, son of Rev. Edward Dorr of Roxbury, graduated at Harvard in 1711 and was ordained February 25, 1716, and continued here till his death, March 9, 1768, aged 79 years. He was endowed with good sense; his temper was mild and placid; he excelled in the virtues of meekness, patience, temperance, sobriety, gravity, charity; was a good scholar, a learned divine and an exemplary Christian. He sympathized with the revival in 1740. He married the daughter of his predecessor, by whom he had one son, and three daughters that married ministers.

Rev. Joseph Willard 1769-82(See Boxborough)

Rev. Caleb Alexander 1786-1802 (See New Marlborough)

Rev. Preserved Smith 1805-12 (See Rowe)

Rev. Simeon Doggett graduated at

Brown University in 1788, where he was tutor from 1791 to 1796, then preceptor of Bristol Academy at Taunton from 1796 to 1814, was ordained pastor January 17, 1815 and dismissed January 17, 1831. He was installed pastor of a Unitarian church in Raynham in 1832, where he died, March 20, 1852, aged 87 years. He was succeeded by a Universalist minister.

Mendon, Mass. Orthodox Church Aug. 13, 1828

This was composed of members that withdrew from the old church.

Rev. John M.S.Perry, son of Rev. D.L. Perry of Sharon, Ct., graduated at Yale in 1827, studied theology at New Haven, and was ordained November 9, 1831. He believed it his duty to devote himself to the work of Foreign Missions, resigned May 13, 1835, and sailed on the 16th. for Ceylon, where he died of cholera March 10, 1837, aged 30 years. His wife, Harriet J. Lathrop of Norwich, Ct., died three days after him of the same disease.

Mercer, Maine October 20, 1822

(Mercer, Me.)

Rev. Orin Sikes 1833-42 (See Bedford)

Meredith, New Hampshire February 15, 1815

Rev. David Smith of Hollis, not a graduate of any college, was pastor of the church in Temple, Me. from February 21, 1810 to 1818. He was installed pastor of this church March 24, 1819 and died August 24, 1824, aged 55 years.

He was a man of exemplary piety and greatly blessed in his labors. His salary was $300.

Rev. Reuben Porter 1829-31

Rev. Joseph Lane of Kensington graduated at the theological seminary in Bangor in 1826 and was a missionary of the American Board among the New York Indians in 1827 and 1828. He was installed pastor of this church April 5, 1831 and was dismissed in 1833. About the time he left the mission he became insane and was so a year and a half; he recovered and was an agent of the Bible Society for a time, and pastor of the church in Westbrook, Me. from

December, 1836 to October, 1839. He resumed his agency and continued in it till about 1848; his health failed, his insanity returned and he was sent to Brattleborough, where he died September 27, 1850, aged 53 years. He married Rebecca Philbrook of Sanbornton, N.H.

Meriden, N.H. May 2, 1780

Rev. Experience Estabrook of Rehoboth, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1776 and was ordained pastor of the church in Thornton August 10, 1780 and dismissed October 18, 1787, at his own request. He was installed pastor of this church June 6, 1788 and dismissed May 9, 1792. He removed to Thornton and died there in 1810, aged 55 years.

Rev. Siloam Short of Hartland, Vt., not a graduate of any college, was ordained November 7, 1799. He died of scarlet fever September 29, 1803, aged 32 years. He was an eminent Christian and a faithful pastor.

Rev. David Dickinson was not a grad-

uate of any college, though he received the honorary degree of A.M. from Dartmouth in 1806. He studied and practiced medicine for a time but, thinking it his duty to preach, he was licensed by the Brookfield Association in April, 1803. He was ordained pastor of this church July 4, 1804 and was dismissed July 25, 1819. He was pastor of the church in Columbia, Ct. from January, 1820 to July, 1837. He died in January, 1857.

Meriden, Connecticut October 22, 1729

This was a parish of Wallingford till 1806.

Rev. Theophilus Hall graduated at Yale in 1727, began to preach here in 1728 and was ordained October 29, 1729. His salary was 50 pounds. He continued in office till he died, March 25, 1767, in the 60th. year of his age.

He was a man of small stature, of strong intellectual powers, a much esteemed preacher and a zealous advocate for civil

and religious liberty. He published four sermons. Salary $200.

Rev. John Hubbard graduated at Yale in 1744 and was licensed by the New Haven County Association. He seems for some reason to have been engaged mostly in some other business and was not ordained till June 22, 1769. The Association, after he had accepted a call from this church, recalled his license on the ground that he was unsound in doctrine. One-third of the church was opposed to him. Another objection was that the church had departed from the Platform, which required a church first to ask counsel of the Consociation in regard to the man they wished to settle. He was finally ordained by a council from Massachusetts, of which Dr. Lathrop of West Springfield was moderator. A pamphlet was published by the council and another by the consociation. He continued here till he died. In 1783 he was thrown from his sleigh and disenabled from preaching. He died November 17,

1786, aged 60 years.

Rev. John Willard 1786-1802 (See Lunenburgh)

Rev. Erastus Ripley 1803-22 (See Lebanon)

Rev. Charles J. Hinsdale 1823-33

Rev. Arthur Granger 1836-38 (See Middletown)

Rev. George W. Perkins of Hartford graduated at Yale in 1824, studied theology at Andover and New Haven, was ordained pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Montreal, Canada May 1, 1830 and dismissed on account of ill health in 1839. He was installed pastor of this church May 19, 1841 and dismissed in the summer of 1854 to accept a call from the Second Congregational Church in Chicago, Ill. He removed to Chicago and labored with great zeal till he died, in November, 1856, aged 52 years. He married: (1) Miss Dickinson of Montreal, and (2) Mrs. Mary Bissell Munger of Rochester, N.Y. He had seven children, only two of whom survived him.

He was an ardent man, faithful in the discharge of his duties and exemplary in his life.

Meriden, Ct. Center Church Jan'y 13, 1848
" " Hanover Church Feb'y 13, 1853

Merrimack, New Hampshire September 5, 1772

Rev. Jacob Burnap of Reading, Mass. graduated with the highest honors at Harvard in 1770, studied theology with Rev. Thomas Haven in his native place, and was ordained October 14, 1772. He was twice married; first to Miss Hopkins of Reading and second to Miss Elizabeth, sister of Gov. Brooks of Massachusetts, by whom he had 13 children. In 1813 he received from Harvard the degree of D.D. He lived to preach fifty annual Thanksgiving sermons to his own people. The faculties of his mind were strong and he could bring all his powers to bear on any subject that came before him.

He published eleven sermons and left fourteen prepared for the press. He was not rigidly orthodox, nor did he run to the other extreme of liberality. He died December 26, 1821, aged 73 years.

Rev. Stephen Morse of Bradford, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1821, studied theology with Rev. Dr. Perry of Bradford, was ordained July 6, 1825 and dismissed July 6, 1828. He was installed at Troy, August 26, 1829, but being opposed by a liberal party for his orthodoxy, and by others for his temperance, he was dismissed January 31, 1833. He was pastor of the Second Church in Biddeford, Me. from 1833 to 1835. After this he preached as stated supply in the state of New York, but removed to Post Mills in Thetford, Vt. about 1841 and died there May 22, 1855, aged 61 years. His character was unblemished.

Merrimack, N.H. South Church, Oct. 21, 1829

Rev. Samuel H. Tolman 1831-36

Rev. John W. Shepard 1844-47 (See Windham)

Methuen, Mass. October 29, 1729

Rev. Christopher Sargent of Amesbury graduated at Harvard in 1725 and was ordained November 5, 1729. He continued in office till

he died, March 20, 1790, aged 84 years.

Rev. Simon F. Williams, son of Mr. Simon Williams of Windham, N.H., graduated at Dartmouth in 1785 and was ordained December 13, 1786. He was dismissed August 16, 1791, and installed at Meredith, N.H. November 28, 1792. He was again dismissed in August, 1798 for unchristian conduct. He died in 1800.

Rev. Humphrey C. Perley of Boxford graduated at Dartmouth in 1791 and was ordained December 2, 1795. He was dismissed in 1815, and was pastor of the church in Beverly from December 2, 1818 to June 13, 1821. He died in 1838, aged 76 years.

Rev. Jacob W. Eastman 1815-28 (See No. Reading)

Rev. Spencer F. Beard 1829-32

Rev. Sylvester F. Pierce 1832-39(See Dracut)

Methuen, Mass. Second Church, April 16, 1766

This church united with the First in 1817, became a separate church in 1830, and afterward became the city of Lawrence.

Rev. Eliphaz Chapman of Newmarket,

N.H., not a graduate of any college, was ordained in November, 1772 and dismissed in 1777. He is said to have removed to Newry, Oxford County, Maine and to have died there.

Rev. John H. Stephens 1791-95 (See Haverhill)

Middleborough, Mass. December 26, 1694

Rev. Samuel Fuller, son of Samuel Fuller of Plymouth, who came over in the Mayflower, was a deacon at Plymouth and, being a man of devoted piety and intelligence, was accustomed to preach after the example of Mr. Brewster and others. He preached to the people at Middleborough sixteen years before the church was organized and was ordained the day the church was gathered. He died August 24, 1695, aged 71 years. He had six children.

Rev. Thomas Palmer was ordained in 1696. I know not the place of his nativity, nor where he was educated. His capacity and accomplishments were not small, but the lust of intemperance and other evils

drew such a cloud over his character that, by the advice of a council of twelve churches, he was deposed from the sacred office about 1706. A party adhered to him until June, 1708, when he left town, carrying with him the records of the church.

Rev. Peter Thacher, son of Rev. Peter Thacher of Milton, graduated at Harvard in 1706 and was ordained November 2, 1709. He continued here till his death, April 22, 1744, aged 55 years.

He was distinguished for his piety and fidelity. His labors were much blessed; in less than three years 200 were united to his church. He was an earnest promoter of the great revival. He admitted to his church Luke Short when he was 100 years old. In 1718 his two deacons and their wives died the same week. In Prince's Christian History there is a letter from him giving an account of the revival in his parish. He was a good man and greatly beloved.

Rev. Sylvester Conant, a native of

Bridgewater, graduated at Harvard in 1740 and was ordained March 28, 1745. A minority of the church wished to settle Rev. Thomas Weld (See Upton). For some reason this minority, consisting of less than one-fourth part of the whole, called themselves the church, held the meeting house and ministerial lands. The church, having settled Mr. Conant, built another house. After a lapse of four years they became two legally organized societies. Mr. Conant continued a useful minister and an exemplary Christian, till he was suddenly removed from the sorrows of earth by the small pox, December 7, 1777, aged 58 years.

Mr. Weld was dismissed in 1749 and the two (churches) united.

Rev. Joseph Barker, a native of Branford, Ct., graduated at Yale in 1771 and was ordained December 5, 1781. He took a deep interest in the political movements of the day and was elected member of Congress from his district from 1805 to 1809.

In 1788 he admitted to his church Hannah Tinkham, who at the age of 94 became a Christian, came before the church and gave a very interesting account of her conversion. Mr. Barker died July 25, 1815, aged 64 years.

Rev. Emerson Paine, a native of Foxboro', graduated at Brown University in 1813, studied theology with Dr. Emmons, and was ordained February 14, 1816. He was dismissed at his own request June 4, 1822. November 20 of the same year he was settled at Little Compton, R.I. and was dismissed on account of ill health April 20, 1835. He preached after this a few months in Middleboro' and was then settled in Halifax, where he continued till he died, April 26, 1851, aged 65 years.

He was an able vindicator of Emmons' theology. He was a good man and a faithful minister of the New Testament. In 1842 he published a volume of sermons which show him to have been a man of thought and truly

orthodox. Besides this he published two or three occasional sermons. He married Lydia Pendleton of Dighton, by whom he had five children.

Rev. William Eaton, a native of Framingham, graduated at Williams College in 1810 and was ordained pastor of the church in Fitchburg August 30, 1815; was dismissed June, 1823, installed pastor at Middleboro' March 10, 1824 and, resigning his charge in April, 1834, was installed pastor of a church in Charlotte, Vt.

He was a man of more than ordinary talent and a popular preacher. He died in 1840, aged 56 years.

Middleboro', Mass. North Ch.(Titicut Parish)
February 16, 1748

Rev. Solomon Reed, the first pastor, was a native of Abington and graduated at Harvard in 1739. In 1746 a small number of persons called New Lights withdrew from the church in Framingham and Mr. Reed became their pastor. This church, having

never been dismissed from the First Church, were not recognized as a church and found themselves in straitened circumstances. After a few years they abandoned the enterprise, Mr. Reed left, and was installed at Middleboro', says Backus, January 26, 1757, and was well esteemed until his death, which occurred May 7, 1785, aged 66 years. He was the father of Rev. Dr. Reed of Bridgewater. *

Rev. David Gurney, a native of Abington, graduated at Harvard in 1785 and was ordained December 5, 1787. He continued pastor till his death, July 30, 1815, aged 57 years. His wife, Mrs. Jane Gurney, died in 1842, aged 85 years.

Rev. Philip Colby of Sanbornton, N.H., not a graduate of any college, was ordained January 1, 1817. He received from Brown University the same year the honorary degree of A.M. He continued pastor till his death, February 27, 1851, aged 72 years. In his feelings and habits he was kind and affable; he possessed a well balanced mind and was

* Mass. Hist. Coll. 3. 150.

endowed with a large share of common sense. He was a good pastor, a faithful minister, and greatly beloved by his people. He married: (1) Eliza Standish of Plympton, and (2) Maria Otis.

Middleborough, Mass. Central Church, March 25,1847

Middlebury, Vt. September 5, 1790

Rev. John Barnet of Windsor, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1780, studied theology with the younger Edwards at New Haven, and was ordained November 11, 1790. He was dismissed March 31, 1795, but continued to supply the pulpit two or three years after his dismission. He labored in several places for a time and died in Durham, N.Y. December 5, 1837, aged 84 years.

Rev. Thomas A. Merrill of Andover, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1801, studied theology at Dartmouth and was ordained December 19, 1805. He continued in office till he died, April 29, 1855, aged 75 years. He received the degree of D.D. from Middle-

bury. He was a man of talent, sound in doctrine and exemplary in his life. He lived honored and died lamented.

Middlebury, Ct. Feb'y 10, 1796

Rev. Ira Hart 1799-1808(See Stonington)

Rev. Mark Mead, born in Greenwich November 6, 1782, graduated at Yale in 1802. He studied theology with Drs. Backus and Smalley and was ordained pastor of this church from November, 1809 to March, 1830. He preached as stated supply in Grassy Hill and in Weston. In 1839 he returned to his native town and there resided till he died, August 8, 1864, aged 81 years.

Rev. Jason Atwater of New Haven graduated at Yale in 1825 and there studied theology. He was ordained as an evangelist at Woodbury, August 26, 1829, and installed pastor of this church October 20, 1830. He was dismissed in October, 1835. He afterwards preached as stated supply at Newtown, Southbury and West Haven (Orange). He died

at the last named place April 1, 1860, aged 59 years. He was a man of respectable talents and a useful minister. He was twice married, (1) to Miss Clarissa Strong, daughter of Rev. Lyman Strong of Colchester; and (2) to Miss Mary Ames of Chicopee, Mass. He left no children.

Rev. Jonathan S. Judd, 1856-64 (See Whately)

Middlefield, Mass. November 18, 1783

Rev. Jonathan Nash of South Hadley graduated at Dartmouth in 1789, studied theology with Rev. Mr. Hayes in his native town, and was ordained October 31, 1792. He was dismissed July 11, 1832 and died August 31, 1834, aged 74 years.

He was a faithful pastor and a sincere Christian. He was twice married; first to Eunice Taylor of Montgomery, by whom he had four children, one of whom, Alvan, is a minister in Ohio; and second, Mrs. Russel, by whom he had three children.

Rev. Samuel Parker of Ashfield graduated at Williams in 1806, studied theology

with Dr. Packard of Shelburne, preached two years as a Home Missionary in New York, and graduated at Andover in 1810.

He was pastor of the Congregational church in Danby, N.Y. 14 years and was an agent in New England collecting funds for Auburn Theological Seminary. He was pastor of this church from July, 1832 to May, 1833. He then went on an exploring tour beyond the Rocky Mountains under the direction of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. He left home in March, 1835, crossed the mountains and returned home via Sandwich and Society Islands in May, 1837. He published an account of his journey in a 12mo. volume of 371 pages in 1838. His expenses were borne chiefly by the Presbyterian church of Ithaca, where he has resided most of the time till he died, March 21, 1866, aged 87 years. He married Jerusha Lord of Danby, a niece of Noah Webster, the lexicographer. He was a laborious and useful man.

Rev. Moody Harrington of Cornish, N.H.

graduated at Amherst in 1831, studied theology with a private instructor, and was ordained pastor of a church in Central New York in October, 1834. He labored in that vicinity twenty years, and in 1854 returned to Massachusetts, was installed pastor of this church in June of that year and resigned in 1858. He subsequently preached at Feeding Hills and Montgomery and, his health failing, he officiated as chaplain of the House of Correction at Springfield till he died. He departed this life at Albany, on his way to the springs at Saratoga, July 22, 1865, in the 68th. year of his age. He married Julia Mack, daughter of General Mack of Middlefield and afterwards of Amherst, and had five children.

He was a good man, Calvinistic in theology, quite original in his modes of expression and a faithful minister.

Middleton, N.H. 1778?

Rev. Nehemiah Ordway 1778-9(See Haverhill)

Middleton, Mass. October 22, 1729

Rev. Andrew Peters of Andover graduated at Harvard in 1723 and was ordained November 26, 1729. He continued in office till he died, October 6, 1756, aged 55 years.

Rev. Elias Smith of Reading graduated at Harvard in 1753 and was ordained in July, 1759. He continued in office till he died, October 18, 1792, aged 63 years.

Rev. Solomon Adams of Acton graduated at Harvard in 1788 and was ordained October 23, 1793. He continued in office till he died, September 4, 1813, aged 52 years.

Rev. Ebenezer Hubbard, son of Rev. E. Hubbard of Marblehead, graduated at Harvard in 1805 and was ordained pastor of the church in West Newbury May 11, 1809 and dismissed October 16, 1811. He was installed pastor of this church November 27, 1816, resigned April 29, 1828 and removed to the West. He died at the Insane Asylum, near Nashville, Tenn., September 2, 1858, aged 74 years. His wife, Charlotte Swazey, died about the same time.

Middletown, Vt. 1782

Rev. Henry Bigelow of Marlboro' Ct. graduated at Yale in 1802, studied theology with Dr. Backus of Somers, Ct., and was ordained September 18, 1805. He continued in office till he died, June 26, 1835, aged 55 years. He was a useful man and a successful minister.

Rev. John A. Avery of Bradford graduated at Middlebury in 1826 and studied theology with Rev. J. W. French of Barre. He was employed as a missionary in Plymouth, Bridgewater and West Haven seven years, and pastor of this church from 1835 to 1841. He preached five years at Onondaga Hill and Marathon, N. Y., and was editor of the Religious Recorder at Syracuse, N.Y. from 1847 till he died, April 28, 1863, aged 68 years.

Middletown, Connecticut, November 4, 1668

Rev. Nathaniel Collins of Cambridge, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1660 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He continued in office till he died, December 28, 1684, aged 42 years. His son

Nathaniel was the minister of Enfield.

Rev. Noadiah Russel of New Haven was left an orphan and educated at Harvard by Mr. E. Glover. He graduated in 1681 and was ordained October 24, 1688. He was one of the founders of Yale College and one of the framers of the Saybrook Platform. Two of his sons, William and Daniel, were ministers. He died December 13, 1713, aged 54 years.

Rev. William Russel, son of the preceding, graduated at Yale in 1709 and was ordained June 1, 1715. He was "a man of great respectability for knowledge, experience, and pacific measures on all occasions". Whitefield spent a night at his house and said,- "he was an Israelite, indeed." He died June 1, 1761, aged 70 years. His son Noadiah was the minister of Thompson.

Rev. Enoch Huntington of Windham graduated at Yale in 1759 and was ordained January 6, 1762. He was distinguished for ripe scholarship and was a popular preacher. He was invited to settle at Pittsfield, Mass. Dr.

Shepard of Lenox, Mass. studied theology with him. He fitted young men for college. He died in office June 12, 1809, aged 69 years. He published six sermons.

Rev. Dan Huntington, 1809-16 (See Litchfield)

Rev. Chauncey A. Goodrich, son of Hon. Elizur Goodrich, graduated at Yale in 1810. He was two years teacher in the New Haven Grammar School, two years tutor, and in the meantime studied theology with Dr. Dwight. He was ordained pastor of this church July 20, 1816 and resigned the next year in consequence of ill health. He was the same year appointed Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory in Yale. In 1839 he was appointed Professor of Pastoral Theology in the Theological Department, which office he filled till he died, February 25, 1860, in the 70th. year of his age.

In 1814 he published a Greek Grammar; in 1827 superintended the abridgement of Webster's Dictionary; from 1829 to 1839 edited the Quarterly Christian Spectator; in 1846 and 7 revised Webster's Dictionary, and in

1859 prepared a copious appendix for the pictorial edition of the Unabridged. He was an industrious and talented man, benevolent, and labored much for the spiritual welfare of the students. His wife was a daughter of Noah Webster, Esq. and he has one son in the ministry.

Rev. John R. Crane of Newark, N.J. graduated at Nassau Hall in 1805, commenced the study of law, changed his purpose and graduated at Andover in 1810. He was laid aside 6 years in consequence of a severe hemorrhage of the lungs. He was ordained November 4, 1818 and continued in office till he died, August 17, 1854, aged 67 years. He received the degree of D.D.

He was a faithful and successful minister and much beloved by his people and all who knew him. One of his sons entered the ministry and succeeded his father as pastor of this church.

Middletown, Conn. South Church 1774

The history of this church is

somewhat peculiar. About 1740 a few persons in Middletown and others in Wethersfield embraced the views of the strict Congregationalists, whose peculiar belief was that the Gospel should be supported by offerings that were entirely voluntary. They first organized a church in Wethersfield, October 28, 1747. They removed their place of worship to Middletown in 1774. They included those who in Massachusetts were called Separatists.

Rev. Ebenezer Frothingham of Cambridge, Mass., who was not a graduate of any college, was ordained its pastor. The Wethersfield members emigrated to the state of New York in 1754. Mr. Frothingham removed to Middletown and was pastor of a church made up of members from Middletown and Westfield. They increased considerably under his ministry and in 1788 became two churches. Mr. Frothingham was then dismissed, but resided in Middletown till he died, Nov. 30, 1798, aged 81 years.

Rev. Stephen Parsons of Middletown, not a graduate of any college, was ordained January 31, 1788 and, having become a Baptist, was dismissed in 1795.

Rev. David Huntington 1797-1800 (See Salem)

Rev. Benjamin Graves of East Haddam, not a graduate of any college, was ordained October 3, 1803 and dismissed in 1811. He was pastor of the Grassy Hill Church in Lyme from 1812 to 1817 and died in 1830. In January, 1816 the church was newly organized and consisted of four male and nine female members.

Rev. Ahab Jinks 1817-20

Rev. Thomas T. DeVerell 1822-23

Rev. Edward R. Tyler 1825-32(See Colebrook)

Rev. William H. Beecher 1833-33

Rev. Robert McEwen 1835-38

Rev. Arthur Granger of Suffield, not a graduate of any college, studied theology at Princeton, N.J., was pastor of a church in Meriden from 1830 to 1838, and was installed here April 24, 1839. He was dismissed in May, 1844 and became pastor of High

Street church in Providence, R.I., where he died August 2, 1845, aged 42 years.

Middletown, Ct. Middlefield Parish 1745

A strict Congregational church was organized here October 10, 1847. The present church is a reorganization of that.

Rev. Ebenezer Gould graduated at Yale in 1723 and was installed pastor of this church at the time of its organization. I know not where he was born, nor where he spent his time prior to his settlement in this place. He was dismissed in 1756 and died in Granville, Mass. in 1779, aged about 75 years. Rev. T. M. Cooley, D.D., who was then about six years old, remembers to have seen him on his death bed, and to have heard it said that he was a passionate man and imprudent. He left two sons in Granville who were intemperate and profane, and a library, which his sons sold at a low price. He is said to have been a good scholar, but had not learned to rule his own spirit.

Rev. Joseph Denison of Windham graduated at Yale in 1763 and was ordained February 28, 1765. He died February 12, 1770, aged 31 years.

Rev. Abner Benedict of North Salem, N.Y., graduated at Yale in 1769 and was ordained November 20, 1771. He was dismissed in 1785 that he might remove to New Lebanon, N.Y., where a feeble daughter might have the benefit of the springs in that town. He was pastor there six years and afterwards preached at several places. He died in Roxbury, N.Y., November 19, 1819, aged 78 years. He was a brother of Rev. Dr. Benedict of Lisbon. He was a man of strong mind and by his address persuaded all those in Middlefield who held slaves to give them their freedom. His dismission from this place was unfavorable to the religious interests of the people. They were destitute of a pastor twenty years.

Middletown, Ct. Westfield Parish Dec. 29, 1773

Rev. Thomas Minor of Woodbury graduated at Yale in 1769 and was ordained at the

time the church was organized. He sustained the pastoral relation until his death, April 28, 1826, aged 88 years. He had a colleague the last six years of his life. His son Thomas was a distinguished physician and wrote much on medical subjects.

Milford, Conn. August 22, 1639

Rev. Peter Prudden was called to the office of pastor and ordained at New Haven Saturday, April 18, 1640, by members of the church, assisted by Messrs. Davenport and Hook. The church and its pastor removed soon after to Milford. Mr. Prudden came to this country in 1637 and preached a while at Wethersfield. He was a peacemaker and was much beloved and revered by his people; he was an example of piety, gravity and zeal. Mather speaks of him as having such discretion that he provided comfortably for his numerous family without distraction, notwithstanding the difficult circumstances of a new settlement.

Trumbull says his estate in this country at his death was prized at 925 pounds, besides an estate in England valued at 1300 pounds. He was not therefore so poor as a remark in the "Magnalia" of Cotton Mather would seem to imply. He married Joanna, a sister of Rev. John Reyner, and had two sons, one of whom was the pastor of the church in Newark. Mr. Prudden died in July, 1656, aged 56 years.

Rev. Roger Newton, the second pastor, was born in England, but finished his education in this country. He is said to have been a near relative of Sir Isaac Newton. He was settled at Farmington at the time the church was organized, but receiving a call from the church in Milford, he was installed here August 22, 1660.

He married Mary, daughter of Rev. Thomas Hooker of Hartford, with whom he probably studied theology. He remained at Milford till his death, June 7, 1683, being as is supposed about 60 years old.

Rev. Samuel Andrew, the third minister, was from Cambridge, Mass. and graduated at Harvard in 1675. He was tutor in the college some time. He was ordained November 18, 1685. He found the people divided, but he happily united them.

He was a hard student and of very retired habits. He seldom visited his people or left his study to attend a funeral. He was a patron of education and was more forward and active in the establishment of Yale College than any other person. He married a daughter of Gov. Treat and the clergy looked to him to urge the interests of the college upon the Governor. He was chosen rector pro tem. of the college after the death of its first president and instructed the senior class at Milford, which was previous to its removal to New Haven. He was one of the trustees till his death, January 24, 1738, aged 82 years.

Rev. Samuel Whittlesey was son of

Rev. Samuel Whittlesey of Wallingford and graduated at Yale in 1729. He was tutor in the college several years and was ordained colleague with Mr. Andrew November 9, 1738 and continued in the ministry till his death, October 22, 1768, being 54 years old. A large minority of the church remonstrated against his settlement on the ground of his Arminianism.

Rev. Samuel Wales was son of Rev. John Wales of Raynham, Mass. and graduated at Yale in 1767. He was ordained pastor at Milford December 19, 1770. In 1776 he served in the army as a chaplain and was dismissed in May, 1782 to be Professor of Divinity in Yale College. He brought to the theological chair great abilities, a pure, energetic style, exemplary piety, dignity and solemnity of manner. The degree of D.D. was conferred upon him by the college at Princeton, N.J. For two years before his death his great mind was in ruins in consequence of epilepsy. It had

been coming upon him for several years. He died February 18, 1794, in the 46th. year of his age. He married a daughter of Capt. Miles of Milford, by whom he had five children. He published one sermon.

Rev. William Lockwood 1785-96 (See Glastonbury)

Rev. Bezaleel Pinneo of Lebanon graduated at Dartmouth in 1791, studied theology with Dr. Smalley, was ordained October 26, 1796, retired from his official duties in 1839, and died September 18, 1849, aged 80 years. He was a descendant of the Huguenots. He married (1) Mary, the daughter of Rev. Timothy Stone of Lebanon; and (2) Miss Leah Hill of Guilford. He had one child by his second wife. He was a serious, unambitious and impressive preacher; a praying man, distinguished for his discretion and fidelity.

Milford, Ct. Plymouth Church, 1741

Rev. Job Prudden, probably of Milford, graduated at Yale in 1743 and was ordained in May, 1747. He continued

in office till he died, in June, 1774, aged about 52 years.

Rev. Josiah Sherman 1775-81 (See Woburn)

Rev. David Tullar 1784-1802(See Ipswich)

Rev. Sherman Johnson of Southborough, Mass. graduated at Yale in 1802, was ordained in 1805, and died in 1806.

Rev. Caleb Pitkin of New Hartford graduated at Yale in 1806, studied theology with Rev. A. Hooker of Goshen, was licensed by Litchfield North Association, and ordained pastor of this church in March, 1808. He was dismissed in 1816, went as a missionary to the Western Reserve and preached at Charlestown, Streetsboro and Northfield. He was a trustee of the college at Hudson, where he resided the last years of his life. He died at Hudson, February 5, 1864, in the 84th. year of his age. He was a man of a strong and vigorous mind and of great energy of character.

Rev. Jehu Clark, 1818-27(See Newtown)

Rev. Asa M. Train of Enfield, Mass.

graduated at Amherst in 1825, studied theology one year at Andover and one at New Haven. He was ordained pastor of this church in July, 1828 and resigned in January, 1850. He continued to reside here till he died of hernia, June 14, 1863, aged 63 years. He preached as stated supply some time at Prospect, and also at Burlington.

Milford, Mass. April 15, 1741

It was the North Parish of Mendon till 1780.

Rev. Amariah Frost of Wrentham graduated at Harvard in 1740 and was ordained December 21, 1743. He was a man of good repute and useful. He fitted young men for college and educated one of his own sons for the ministry, though he was never settled and subsequently turned his attention to secular pursuits.

During his ministry a few disaffected ones left the society and sustained preaching among themselves for a few years;

a part of them returned to the society and their organization became extinct. Mr. Frost died March 14, 1792, aged 72 years.

Rev. David Long of Newbury graduated at Dartmouth in 1798, was ordained May 20, 1801, and died March 13, 1850, aged 78 years. He went to visit a daughter in Hartford, Ct., who was sick and whose mind was veiled in darkness. Having been the means of relieving her mind, he then sickened and died and his remains were carried to Milford for burial. For many months previous to his decease he seemed to stand like a shock of corn fully ripe, ready to be gathered into the garner.

Rev. Preston Pond of Wrentham, Mass. graduated at Bowdoin in 1840 and at Bangor in 1843. After preaching two years at Eastport, Maine and one year at Newmarket, N.H., he was settled here May 24, 1849. He resigned his charge in 1852 and became pastor of the Edwards Church in Boston, and died of brain fever at the McLean Asylum in

August, 1853, aged 35 years. He was a nephew of Dr. Pond of Bangor. He was a useful and successful minister.

Rev. James T. Woodbury 1852-61(See Acton)

Milford, N.H. November 19, 1788

Rev. Humphrey Moore 1802-36

Rev. J. W. Salter 1836-38

Rev. Abner B. Warner 1839-46(See Medford)

Rev. Lycurgus P. Kimball, not a graduate of any college, was installed May 19, 1847. He was dismissed on account of ill health August 7, 1849, went west and died at Rushville, Ill., January 29, 1851.

Millbury, Mass. September 10, 1847

This was a parish of Sutton till 1813.

Rev. James Welman of Lynn graduated at Harvard in 1744 and was ordained October 7, 1747. He was dismissed July 22, 1760 and installed first pastor of the church in Cornish, N.H. September 29, 1768, dismissed in 1785, and died October 18, 1808,

aged 85 years.

Rev. Ebenezer Chaplin of Hampton, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1763 and was ordained November 14, 1764. He was dismissed March 22, 1792. He continued to reside here a number of years till, becoming enfeebled by age, he removed to Hardwick and resided in the family of his son-in-law, Rev. Thomas Holt, till he died, December 13, 1822, aged 89 years. He studied theology with Dr. Hall of Sutton and married Mary Morse of Holliston, by whom he had seven children.

He was a man of considerable wealth. The powers of his mind were vigorous, he was a fair reasoner and possessed a good share of originality. He published several controversial works on doctrinal subjects and a volume on the sacraments. His ministry was not marked by any remarkable success.

Rev. Joseph Goffe of Bedford, N.H. graduated at Dartmouth in 1791 and was ordained September 10, 1794. He was dismissed December 8, 1830 and resided some time in

Boston, but returned to this place, where he died in 1846, aged about 75 years.

Rev. Osgood Herrick of Marlborough, N.H. graduated at Dartmouth in 1826, studied theology at Andover, and was ordained December 9, 1830. He died March 16, 1837, aged 37 years. His close application to study enfeebled his system and brought on a hemorrhage from the lungs. He was a good man, earnest and devoted to the service of Christ.

Millbury, Mass. Second Church Aug. 23, 1827

This church was organized as Presbyterian, but is now Congregational.

Millbury, Mass. Grassy Hill

This church was organized in 1838, had two pastors and in 1856 became extinct.

Milo, Me. May 6, 1829

Milton, N.H. September 8, 1815

Milton, Mass. April 24, 1678

Rev. Peter Thacher, son of Rev. Thomas Thacher of Boston, was ordained

to the pastoral office June 1, 1681. He graduated at Harvard in 1671. He traveled in England after his graduation and became acquainted with many eminent divines. He learned the Indian language and instructed those who resided in a neighboring village respecting the way of salvation. He was a physician and used to expend no small part of his salary in procuring medicine for the sick and indigent. He published six or seven sermons. He died somewhat suddenly December 17, 1727, aged 77 years; his last words were,- "I am going to Christ in glory".

He was a cheerful, affable man and unwearied in his efforts to do good. He was thrice married: (1) to a daughter of Rev. John Oxenbridge of Boston, by whom he had nine children; (2) to the widow of Rev. John Bailey of Boston; and (3) to the widow of Rev. John Gee of Boston. He was one of the leading men of his day.

Rev. John Taylor of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1721. He was ordained

at Milton November 13, 1728. Dr. Chauncey says,- "I knew him well; we were playmates when little boys, classmates in college, and intimate till separated by death." He was an agreeable, pleasant companion and a friend that might be depended on. His modesty and diffidence kept him from preaching much away from home and produced a determination that he would never publish anything. He was an agreeable, rather than a great man; rather pretty and delicate in his sentiments and expressions than strong and nervous. His head was clear, though not the strongest. He died January 26, 1749, aged 56 years, much lamented.

Rev. Nathaniel Robbins was born at Lexington and graduated at Harvard in 1747. He was ordained February 13, 1750 and continued in office till he died, May 19, 1795, aged 69 years. He was a prudent and useful minister. He published five sermons.

Rev. Joseph McKean of Boston grad-

uated at Harvard in 1794 and was ordained November 1, 1797. In consequence of feeble health he resigned October 3, 1804 and opened a school in Boston. Having regained his health, he accepted the appointment to the professorship of Rhetoric and Oratory at Harvard and sustained the office with dignity and usefulness 8 years, when he was obliged to resign in consequence of a pulmonary disease. He died March 17, 1818, aged 41 years. He received the degree of L.L.D. from Nassau Hall, and of D.D. from Allegheny College about 1814. He published six or seven sermons.

Rev. Samuel Gile of Plaistow, N.H. graduated at Dartmouth in 1804 and was ordained February 18, 1807. He married Miss Mary H. White of Salem, by whom he had several children, but only one survived him. He was dismissed from the parish by an ex-parte council January 6, 1834. The authority of this council he never acknowledged because he had never refused a mutual council. The

church adhered to him. He was a good man and a good preacher. He was orthodox and a good writer. He preached on several public occasions. He received the degree of D.D. from the University of Vermont in 1836. He continued pastor of the church till his decease, October 16, 1836. He attended church in the morning, offered one of the prayers, and was stricken by the hand of death while sitting at the dinner table; his age was 56 years. He was patient under trials and practiced what he preached.

Milton, Mass. Second Ch. Nov. 9, 1843

Milton, Vt. 1804

Rev. Joseph Cheney 1807-17(See Salisbury)

Rev. Septimius Robinson 1832-35(See Underhill)

Minot, Maine September 8, 1791

Rev. Jonathan Scott was not a graduate of any college. He was first pastor of a church in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, and was installed pastor of this church July 27, 1796. In 1819 he was obliged, on ac-

count of impaired health, to desist from his labors, was dismissed and died in October the same year, aged 75. He published 12 sermons.

In 1806 the church was divided on account of a disagreement about the location of a meeting house.

The secession had for their pastor

Rev. William Pidgin, 1811-19(See Hampton)

The two churches were united February 12, 1823.

Minot, Maine West (See Hebron)

Monkton, Vt. May 24, 1824

Rev. Joel Fisk 1826-30 (See Irasburgh)

Monmouth, Maine May 17, 1853

Monroe, Ct. 1764

This was a parish of Huntington till 1823.

Rev. Elijah Rexford graduated at Yale in 1763, was ordained in 1766, and continued in office till he died, in April, 1808, aged about 66 years.

Rev. Chauncey G. Lee 1821-23

Monson, Mass. June 3, 1762

Rev. Abishai Sabine of Pomfret, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1759 and was ordained June 23, 1762. He is said to have been sound in doctrine and an acceptable and useful minister. He was dismissed on account of ill health in July, 1771, removed to Pomfret and died in 1782, aged about 45 years.

Rev. Jesse Ives of Meriden, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1758 and was pastor of a church in Norwich, Ct. till 1770. He was installed pastor of this church June 23, 1773 and continued in office till he died, December 31, 1805, aged 71.

Monson, Maine August, 1820

Half of this township was given to the academy in Monson, Mass. by the State of Massachusetts.

Rev. Lot Rider of Brewer was not a graduate of any college. He completed the course of study at Bangor in 1824, was ordained in March, 1825 and died September 24

of the same year.

Rev. Anson Hubbard 1828-34

Rev. John Baker of Edgecomb graduated at Bowdoin College in 1831, studied theology at Andover and Bangor, and was ordained September 16, 1835. He was dismissed in 1839, preached as stated supply of the South Church in Kennebunk Port seven years, and of the church in Elliot three years. He was installed pastor of the First Church in Kennebunk Port September 26, 1849, and was dismissed in 1856. He removed to Wilton and resided there till he died. He visited his friends in Edgecomb, was seized with typhoid fever, and died October 27, 1859, aged 48 years.

Montague, Mass. 1752

Rev. Judah Nash of Longmeadow graduated at Yale in 1748 and was ordained November 22, 1752. He continued in office till he died, February 19, 1805, aged 76 years. His widow died in 1824, aged 97. He was a good man, highly esteemed and useful. He studied theology with Rev. Benjamin

Cotton of West Hartford.

Rev. Aaron Gates 1807-1827 (See Amherst)

Rev. Moses B. Bradford 1828-32

Rev. Benjamin Holmes of Misfield, England, was not a graduate of any college. He studied theology in England and was thrice settled in his native land. He came to this country in 1819, was installed here November 18, 1834 and dismissed May 16, 1838. He preached in many places in this country and died at Bethany Center, N.Y. August 2, 1845, aged 77 years. He was an ardent and devoted Christian and a useful preacher.

Monterey, Mass. September 25, 1750

Rev. Adonijah Bidwell of Hartford, Ct. was born after the decease of his father, who was owner and master of a vessel and was lost at sea on his return from the West Indies. Mr. Bidwell graduated at Yale in 1740 and in 1745 went as chaplain under Sir William Pepperell to the capture of Cape Breton. His ministry was peaceful and undisturbed. He was greatly beloved for his Christian friend-

ship, charity, sound judgment and integrity. He died June 2, 1784, in the 68th. year of his age.

The year before his death there was a revival of religion and about that time "a portion of the people became Shakers". He was the father of Barnabas Bidwell, for many years County Treasurer and a defaulter.

Rev. Joseph Avery, a native of Stonington, Ct., was not a graduate. He studied theology with his pastor, Rev. J. Fish, and was ordained pastor of a church in Alford in 1779. The church was organized at the same time. He was dismissed in 1787 and installed here February 25, 1789. He was a pious, useful, respectable minister.

A dissatisfaction was raised against him by those out of the church and he was dismissed January 13, 1808. His enemies refused to pay any part of the arrearage of his salary; he sued the parish and recovered, but those who effected his dismission signed off and obliged his friends to pay the debt. There was a revival of religion there the next year, in which scarcely one

of those who desired his dismission shared. He died, March 3, 1814, aged 70 years.

Rev. Joseph W. Dow of Kensington, N.H. graduated at Harvard in 1805 and was ordained July 10, 1811. He continued here till his death, January 9, 1833, aged 53 years. His ministry was prosperous. A sermon preached on the twentieth year of his settlement was published.

Rev. Lucius Field of Northfield graduated at Williams College in 1821 and was ordained March 27, 1833. He had been a tutor at Amherst, preached as a candidate some time, was a good man, though not brilliant nor very energetic. He continued but a short time. After his dismission he returned to his native place and died of consumption in 1839, aged 42 years. He was never married.

Montgomery, Mass. January 30, 1797

Rev. Seth Noble, 1801-06 (See Bangor)

Rev. John H. Fowler, 1822-29(See Lebanon)

Rev. Solomon W. Edson, 1832-36

Rev. Caleb Knight, 1836-39(See Hinsdale)

Montgomery, Vermont July 15, 1817

Rev. Avery S. Ware of Wrentham, Mass. graduated at Middlebury in 1821, studied theology with Rev. Mr. Newton of Marlborough and was ordained January 20, 1825. He was dismissed in July, 1830, labored as a missionary in Vermont and Canada till 1836, when he removed to Michigan and died at Otsego, March 31, 1838, aged 46 years.

Monticello, Maine January 25, 1833

Montpelier, Vermont 1808

Rev. Chester Wright, 1809-30(See Hardwick)

Mont Vernon, N.H. September, 1780

This was for some time the Second Church in Amherst.

Rev. John Bruce of Marlborough, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1781 and was ordained November 3, 1785, having preached a year on probation. He was a

man of studious habits, mild, serious and devoted to his work. He was called "the good Mr. Bruce". He was an eminently successful minister and sustained a lovely character during his whole life. He died suddenly of apoplexy, March 12, 1809, aged 52 years.

Rev. Stephen Chapin, 1809-18 (See Hillsborough)

Rev. Ebenezer Cheever, 1819-23

Rev. Nathaniel Kingsbury was not a graduate of any college. He was ordained November 8, 1823 and dismissed April 6, 1836. He went West and died in Wisconsin, July 12, 1843, aged 48 years.

Montville, Ct. 1721

This was a parish of New London till 1776.

Rev. James Hillhouse, a native of Ireland and educated at Glasgow, was installed pastor of this church October 3, 1722, and died December 15, 1740, aged 53 years. He was a man of considerable attainments in human and divine learning,

was patient and resigned in trouble and confided in the grace of Christ. His sons, William and James Abraham, were distinguished civilians and patriots. He married Mary Fitch of New London.

Rev. David Jewett of Rowley, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1736 and was ordained October 3, 1739. He continued in office till he died, June 6, 1783, aged 69 years. He was an accomplished gentleman, a good scholar and an eloquent preacher. The Mohegan Indians attended his church.

Rev. Rozell Cook graduated at Yale in 1777 and was ordained June 30, 1784. He continued in office till he died, April 18, 1798, aged 42 years. He was a prudent and faithful pastor.

Rev. Amos G. Thompson was ordained September 26, 1799 and died October 23, 1801, aged 38 years. He had previously been a Methodist preacher.

Rev. Abishai Alden of Stafford graduated at Dartmouth in 1787 and was pastor of

the church in Willington from 1790 to 1803. He was installed here August 17 of the last named year and was dismissed in 1826. He died in 1833, aged 67.

Morgan, Vermont June 4, 1823

Morris, Ct. 1768

This was a parish of Litchfield, called South Farms.

Rev. George Beckwith graduated at Yale in 1766 and was ordained in 1772. His ministry came to an unhappy close in 1782. He is supposed to have been the son of Rev. George Beckwith of Lyme.

Rev. Amos Chase of Cornish, N.H. graduated at Dartmouth in 1780, studied theology with Dr. L. Hart of Griswold, and was ordained in 1787. He married, (1) a daughter of Dr. Hart; and (2) Miss Lanman of Norwich. He was fond of literature and science and was well read in theology. He was an instructive preacher, but had no animation in style or manner and no music in his voice.

He accumulated considerable property. He resigned in 1814, went to Western New York, purchased lands and preached. He died in 1849, being about 90 years old.

Rev. Amos Pettengill of New Hampshire graduated at Harvard in 1805. He was poor, talented, pious and decided. his religious views were not popular among his fellow students, but he maintained his integrity and honored his religion. He went as a missionary to Northern New York and was pastor of a church in Champlain five years, till it was broken up by the war of 1812. He was next pastor of this church from 1816 to 1822. In 1823 he was installed in Salem, a parish of Waterbury, where he labored till he died, August 19, 1830, aged 50 years. A Memoir of this excellent man may be found among the publications of the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society.

Rev. Henry Robinson 1823-29

Rev. Veron D. Taylor 1831-33

Rev. Ralph S. Crampton 1834-36(See Woodstock)

Rev. David L. Parmelee, born in Litchfield November 11, 1795, was brought up in the Episcopal Church, was educated for a merchant and engaged in mercantile business in Goshen. While there he attended on the ministry of Rev. Joseph Harvey and, becoming pious, felt a special desire to preach the Gospel. He studied two years with Dr. Harvey and was licensed by the Middlesex Association in 1831 and was pastor of the church in Bristol from February, 1832 to February, 1841. He was pastor of this church from August, 1841 till he died, though he ceased to perform any pastoral duty in 1861 in consequence of ill health. He removed to Litchfield, his native place, and died there June 29, 1865, in the 70th. year of his age. He married Miss Sally Stanley of Goshen. He was a useful and successful laborer in the vineyard of his Master.

Morristown, Vermont July, 1807

Rev. Daniel Rockwell of Lanesborough, Mass. was not a graduate of any college. He was a suc-

cessful school teacher and studied theology with Rev. Josiah Hopkins of New Haven and other clergymen in the vicinity. He was ordained October 20, 1824 and dismissed in November, 1828. He was afterwards pastor of a church in Ohio and finally in Illinois.

Rev. Septimius Robinson, 1835-60(See Underhill)

Moultonborough, N.H. 1778?

Rev. Samuel Perley, 1778-9(See Seabrook)

Rev. Jeremiah Shaw of Hampton graduated at Harvard in 1767 and was ordained November 17, 1779. He continued in office till 1816, though he supplied the pulpit about six years longer. He died in 1834, in the 88th. year of his age. He was a quiet man and sound in doctrine. He published a work in answer to Ballou on the Atonement.

Rev. Joshua Dodge of Hamilton, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1806, studied theology with Drs. Manassah Cutler, Abiel Abbot and Samuel Worcester, and was pastor of the First Church in Haverhill, Mass. from Decem-

ber, 1808 to June, 1827; and was installed pastor of this church in February, 1828. He published a sermon on the Landing of the Forefathers in 1820. He ceased to perform his ministerial duties in 1850 and a colleague was settled. He was soon after sent to the Insane Hospital at Concord, not because he was exactly insane, and yet his reason was impaired in consequence of a softening of the brain. He died there March 25, 1861, aged 82 years.

Mount Desert, Maine October 17, 1792

This is an island on the coast of Maine. Mr. Ebenezer Eaton, a member of the church, was licensed and preached without ordination more than thirty years.

Mount Holly, Vt. October 27, 1799

This church has had no pastor.

Nantucket, Mass. 1711?

There are no records of this church prior to 1761. I learn from Gookin's His-

torical collections that there was an Indian church on the island in 1674 and that the Mayhews of Martha's Vineyard spent some time on the island. At a later period there seem to have been two or three Indian churches. It is not probable that there was a church here composed of white people until about 1711. It is said to have been ministered to by the Mayhews and that one of that name was dismissed in 1766. I have not been able to ascertain his Christian name.

Rev. Bezaleel Shaw graduated at Harvard in 1762 and was ordained in 1766. He died in 1796, aged about 55 years. "He was a plain man, of respectable talents and very much esteemed". His salary at first was $244, but was increased after some years to $392.

Rev. James Gurney graduated at Brown in 1795, was ordained in 1799 and dismissed in 1819.

Rev. Abner Morse, born in Medway Sep-

tember 5, 1793, graduated at Brown University in 1816 and at Andover in 1819. He was ordained pastor of this church December 16, 1819 and dismissed in 1822. After this he preached in Newark, N.J., in Indiana, and in Onondaga Valley, N.Y. During the last twenty years of his life he resided in Massachusetts, devoted much time to genealogical studies, and published several volumes. He was a man of intense activity and while he continued in the pastoral office was an earnest laborer.

He gave at one period of his life considerable attention to Natural Science, particularly to Geology and, in his lectures on that subject, endeavored to harmonize its teachings with the Bible.

He died in Sharon, Mass. May 16, 1865, aged 72 years. He was twice married and left three sons.

Naples, Maine, August 11, 1858